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DEATHS.

On September 8, 1909, at Hankow, S. M. Sivaram, aged 53.
On September 15, 1909, at Chekiang, near Changsha, E. Bohm, Capt. of N.D.L. steamer *Mei Xu*, aged 35 years.
On September 17, 1909, at Shanghai, Peter C. Simonson (U.S. Navy, retired), aged 60 years.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1909.

ASPECTS OF THE LIQUORS ORDINANCE.

(18th September.)

It cannot be said that the efforts of the unofficial members of the Legislative Council to eliminate the "offensive" sections of the Liquors Bill were very successful. The Government, in its anxiety to get this unfortunate revenue measure passed while the members were at fever-heat, and their belief in concessions was unshaken, saw nothing of their knowledge of the subject being somewhat confused owing to the number of Bills dealing with the same subject being tabled, held a special sitting yesterday afternoon with the object of sweeping the Bill through Committee and having it passed finally through the House. The scheme was absurdly successful. After reading a report of the proceedings we feel as if we had been attending a pantomime show. After all the denunciation of the previous day when unofficial members threatened this, that and the next thing, levelled terrible denunciations against the Government, visualised the downfall of the Colony, bespoke ruin on every hand, and generally acted as if they were to smite the Philistines hip and thigh, we find them coming in harmony with the Government when the really vital issues came to be dealt with. They had been soothed and cajoled by the Government on the previous day and lured into the belief that all they had to do was to pulverise the objectionable sections one after the other when the Bill went into Committee. Indeed, they could so change the tone of the Bill, that in its emasculated form it would be unrecognisable. But evidently the members expended all their energies on the second reading. They were exhausted by their own eloquence and had nothing or practically nothing further to say. Certainly the Bill emerged from Committee practically unchanged in appearance. There had not been a single shipwreck on the passage; the shoals had been safely cleared and the steersman had hugged the shore. We should have thought that few Bills that have come before the Council this year offered wider opportunities of displaying the statesmanship of unofficial members than the present. Bill establishing a Customs service in the free port of Hongkong and inaugurating a form of taxation which may be expanded indefinitely. We know how Mr. Murray Stewart had inveigled against the searching of passengers' baggage landed in the Colony and read how he was "haunted by the prospect of seeing upon our quays the mias in the brass hat whose business it is to challenge the passenger to unstrap his trunks." That man of brass, said Mr. Stewart, in the full flow of rhetorical period, "straddles across the threshold of nearly every country—a standing nuisance to travel—the symbol of economic false doctrine, financial heresy, and political schism." He is the outward and visible sign of denial of the great doctrine of universal free trade. We are not told what reason exists in the minds of the promoters of this scheme, whether it is based seem more than ever dim. But dim though they may appear, and though elsewhere it may be that retaliation is justifiable, the jealous guarding of that doctrine in this Colony is dictated by the vital necessities of our situation. And so when I read the version of this Bill which reached me last Thursday evening, there they believe that Hongkong is about to be decimated by small-pox or whether their intention is to provide the juveniles with a healthy and (in most cases) harmless amusement. It is beyond doubt that the person who has been well and truly vaccinated has a really glorious time of it while the wounds are healing. 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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber on the afternoon of the 17th inst. Present—His Excellency the Governor; Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.G., His Excellency Colonel Darling, R.E.; Hon. Mr. A. M. Thompson (Colonial Secretary); Hon. Sir Henry Berkeley (Attorney-General); Hon. Mr. C. McLean (Colonial Treasurer); Hon. Mr. P. N. H. Jones (Director of Public Works); Hon. Mr. F. J. Badenoch (Captain Superintendent of Police); Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown (Registrar General); Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M.G.; Hon. Mr. W. J. Croson; Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G.; Hon. Mr. E. Osborne; Hon. Mr. E. A. Hawell; Hon. Mr. Murray Stewart; and Mr. C. Clement (Clerk of Council).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

LIQUORS IMPORT DUTY BILL.

On the motion of the Attorney-General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Council resumed consideration in Committee of the Bill to provide for the collection of duties upon intoxicating liquors.

The following amended scale of duties proposed for in section 3 was agreed to:

Brandy and liqueurs	\$3.00
Whisky	2.40
Gins, Rums, and other Spirituous liquors	1.20
Champagne	2.40
All other sparkling wines	1.80
Port, Sherry, Madeira	1.20
Other still wines in bottle	0.60
Other still wines in wood	0.60
All other intoxicating liquors, excepting Spirits of Wine, and native wines and spirits	0.74
On all native wines and spirits:	
(a) Containing under 20 per cent. of pure alcohol by weight	0.15
(b) Containing 20 per cent. or over and under 40 per cent. of pure alcohol by weight	0.40
(c) Containing 40 per cent. or over of pure alcohol by weight	1.20

Spirits of wine and arrack 3.00. Considerable discussion arose on other sections of the Bill, and when Council resumed, the Attorney-General reported the Bill with amendments.

The Attorney-General moved the suspension of the Standing Rules.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

The Bill was then read a third time, and passed.

POSTPONEMENT.

Consideration of the following Bills was postponed:

Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to Authorize the Construction, and Maintenance of a Harbour of Refuge upon and over certain portions of the Sea Bed and Frontage situated upon the Harbour frontage at Taikoktsui, Mongkoktsui, and Yaumuti, Kowloon, in this Colony.

Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Tramway Ordinance, 1902.

Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Liquor Licences Ordinance, 1898, and the Liquor Licences Extension Ordinance, 1908, and to repeal the Liquor Licence Amendment Ordinance, 1902.

Committee on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to set apart certain Crown Land to be used as a burial ground for persons professing the Christian Religion, other than members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Malicious Damage Ordinance, 1902.

Third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to relieve the Governor-in-Council of certain duties.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Council adjourned sine die.

THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING, WEAVING & DYEING COMPANY, LIMITED.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report for presentation to shareholders at the twelfth ordinary meeting to be held at the offices of the general managers, to-day, 25th inst., at 11.30 a.m., reads:—

The general manager beg to submit a statement of accounts covering the period from 1st August, 1900, to 31st July, 1900.

The balance at credit of profit and loss account is \$10,500.51, which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—

Write off furniture account... \$ 3,209.49
carry forward to credit of next year's account 26,297.02
\$ 29,506.51

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar were, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITOR.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. W. Hutton Potts, who offers himself for re-election.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

Hongkong, 28 September, 1900.

BALANCE SHEET 31ST JULY 1900.

Liabilities.

Capital account.....	\$1,250,000.00
Sundry credits.....	495,865.61
Uncollected dividends.....	4,054.30
Equalization of dividend fund	20,000.00
Profit and loss account	29,506.51
\$1,799,425.43	

Assets.

Property—comprising land, buildings and machinery	\$1,303,507.93
Furniture.....	3,209.49
Sundry debitors.....	43,606.74
Cash.....	166,073.93
Cotton, value of stock	210,835.50
Yarn, do	6,628.30
Waste, do	58,036.71
Mill stores, do	54,753.30
Coal, do	
Fire insurance and taxes pertaining to period after 31st July, 1900	1,886.97
\$1,799,425.43	

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

To Remuneration to general managers 10% on balance of working account..... \$ 2,573.46
Remuneration to consulting committee..... 3,000.00
Auditor's fee
 250.00 |

\$ 5,823.46
Balance 29,506.51
\$ 35,329.97

Cr.
By Balance from last year..... \$ 9,555.35
Gain in working..... 25,724.00
Transfer fees
 4.00 |

\$ 31,289.35

NOTES BY THE WAY.

THE LIQUOR DEBATE.

18th inst.—To a stranger whose information with regard to Hongkong's slow-going methods has preceded his visit to the Colony, the tremendous volume of oratory which permeated the atmosphere at the meeting before the Legislative Council on Thursday afternoon must have filled him with a wholesome respect for the debating capacity of our legislators and at the same time provided incontestable proof that if Hongkong is backward in some respects, its legislators are at least gifted with the power to shake the very foundations of the annual Council chamber with inspired oratory. Conforming to the usual rule, the full-blown discussion (*matako matsandis*) attendant upon the second reading of a contentious Bill was sustained with a vim which did full justice to all and sundry and provided columns of matter to the local Press. Thursday's proceedings are a pretty safe indication of what we may expect in the course of the next few months and residents are already bewailing the ill-fortune of Victoria in that it will shortly be shorn of much of its boasted glory as a "free" port. It struck the average individual as being somewhat of a marvellous feat on the part of Government to transform within the space of a few days as if by a magic touch a Bill whereby it was proposed to swell the Colony's revenue by doubling the fees paid by licensees into a measure by which the Colony will be subjected to a system of import duties with its train of inconveniences. But successive Governments have been responsible for even more startling performances than this, admit manœuvre on the part of the authorities. Apart from these considerations, the thought which occupies the foremost place in the minds of the public is that they are to be made the scapegoat for the sins of irresponsible opium addicts. It has been done before.

AN ICY TOPIC.

As a result of the institution of an action by a well-known but short-lived local company against another equally well-known business house concerning an ice transaction, the public have learnt interesting facts of which they would otherwise have remained in blissful ignorance. The word "clearness" has been defined as opposed to "transparency," the merits of ice with or without a core as the case may be have been expatiated upon and the rotting process of the concealed fluid cleverly described by Counsel, and thereby hangs a tale. After a somewhat protracted period of litigation, the Chief Justice and the Puisne Judge the other day delivered interlocking judgments which will have a direct bearing on future transactions.

THE INTERPORT CARNIVAL.

Preparations are in full swing for the coming Interport, etc. Those who have entered their names for the various events appear to be in real earnest to give our Northern visitors a tough time in true sportsmanlike style. The committee of the Victoria Recreation Club have wisely left the Club-house at the disposal of "intending" competitors—which should undoubtedly go a long way towards a decent exhibition. It only requires the fast swimming of the Colony, and they are ready, to put their shoulders to the wheel to sustain Hongkong's reputation in the field of sport, which has lately suffered somewhat on account of various circumstances over which the people had no control.

THE LATEST IN DIRECTOIRE.

...the latest in Directoire of fashion have suddenly not ended with the clinging sheath-gown, which created such a furor in London society, on its inception. From Paris comes the news that the Directoire style is to be extended to ladies' bathing costumes. It is not easy to predict to how many, members of the gentler sex, the latest innovation of Dame Fashion will command itself, but I fancy modest folk will disapprove with one eye and admire its charms with the other. Of course, few people could have the temerity to suggest such a thing to the belles of Hongkong and without affording infinite relief to those ladies who have not been favoured by fickle Fortune with a figure à la Venus, and who naturally seek to conceal their angular charms from the vulgar eye. The latest bid of feminine craze is not to be thought of in Hongkong.

WHAT IS WHISKY?

The final report of the Whisky Commission unanimously declares that the term "whisky" must be restricted to a product manufactured from malt and grain. It would be scarcely worth while to dispute the Commission's finding but what is of greater importance to those of our fellow-men who regard the "mountain dew" as one of the inducements of their earthly existence lies in the fact that they will still be allowed to imbibe the refreshing beverage which has the distinction of being pried next to his country by every true Gael. The mere fact of an altered definition does not affect the consumer in the slightest degree and though scientists may try to convince him that he is drinking that which he is not, he will still have the satisfaction of knowing that the findings of the Commission are only on paper and that hope of the thirst-quenching attributes of his favourite potion have been lost. With regard to the Colony itself, the proposed tax on liquor is in itself the nature of a calamity to a large section of the community, but it would be interesting to know what they think of the results of the Commission's deliberations.

THE AMERICAN SQUADRON.

The second visit of the Third Squadron of the U.S. Pacific Fleet has been productive of smiling faces of rickshaws coolies, and, incidentally, to a haughty indifference to the patronage of the mean man who believes in paying the bare legal fare. These occasional visits of foreign war-ships are a source of wealth to the local Japs and residents are likely to have some trouble in procuring their services when the 700 round-the-world tourists who are expected in Hongkong at Christmas-time on the Cleveland step on shore from the mammoth liner do the sights of the city.

TYPHOON SIGNALS EXTRAORDINARY.

The spate of sunshines which prevailed some time ago has been followed by a week of depressing weather. During the past week, the Observatory has been kept busy recording typhoon indications and it is a somewhat remarkable coincidence that on more than one occasion within the same week, no less than three typhoon signals should be exhibited simultaneously. Happily, none of the threatened cyclones struck the Colony. The much-needed rainfall has imparted an appearance of freshness to the air and patches of ground in the midst of civilisation and beyond a thorough drenching for enthusiastic sportsmen there is little cause to complain. So we need not hear the groans of the Water Authority for some little time.

CASUAL CRITIC.

MESSRS. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., are removing their offices from King's Building this afternoon (8th inst.), into their fine, palatial new premises on Pedder's Street. From Monday next business will be conducted by the "gracious house" in the new building.

IMPORT OF LIQUORS.

PORT OF THE COLONY.

The following notifications appear in the current issue of the *Gazette*:—

The undermentioned port of the Colony is hereby specified by His Excellency the Governor under Section 4 of the Liquors Ordinance, 1909, as a port into which dutiable liquors and denatured spirits may be imported—Victoria, within Harbour Limits as defined by the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899.

PORT OF THE COLONY FOR EXPORT OF LIQUORS, ETC.

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MUSIC IN JAPAN.

AN EXPERT'S OPINION.

In view of our article on Japanese music a few days ago, a statement made by Professor Tamura Tomoza, of the Imperial Academy of Music in Tokyo, quoted by the *Hainichi*, is worth attention. Interest in music, says Mr. Tamura, has grown considerably among the Japanese people of late, the popular taste tending towards the higher forms, but the musical world in this country is still in a state of chaos. What is required above all is the machinery for training musicians. The Imperial Academy of Music in Tokyo is the only institution of the kind in Japan. At this school the number of students in 1908 was 186, the graduates annually leaving the Academy, numbering not more than sixty. More than half the number of graduates are women who are in a position to devote themselves to music as a profession. The total number of graduates from the Academy since its establishment is not more than 260, some of whom have died, while others have adopted other professions. The number of graduates now engaged in training students probably does not exceed two-thirds of the total. It is not an easy matter with such a condition of affairs to develop a musical education or to improve the taste for the higher branches of the art. A conference of the heads of Middle Schools in all parts of the country convened by the Ministry of Education in 1907 adopted a resolution to make music an indispensable subject in the curriculum of Middle Schools, but the first question arising was how to secure teachers and textbooks for music. As a matter of fact, it is quite impossible in the present circumstances to provide all the Middle Schools with music-teachers, while no songs suitable for boys in the middle and higher schools can be found. To meet pressing requirements a work entitled "Songs for Middle Schools" has been published. Apart from the Middle Schools, it is necessary to appoint at least one music teacher to each Normal School. At present one teacher does duty at several schools. In consequence, extra singing exercises outside the class hours are out of the question. It is easy to make very satisfactory arrangements on paper, but little can be achieved in practice. Even if the Academy of Music is extended there will be a difficulty in obtaining students, for in instrumentation it is of primary importance for students of music to train their fingers before they have grown rigid. For this reason the Academy of Music is anxious to admit young boys, and girls at an age before they have finished their education in the higher elementary schools. Objection is raised to such an arrangement because it would interfere with the general education of the children. As against the view, which still prevails, that musical education is a luxury, Professor Tamura urges that a little girl who can sing sweetly is a source of great consolation to a poor family overwhelmed with the worries of life. Music teachers should try and make their pupils comprehend what they are singing, and it becomes an important question as to what tunes are best suited to the taste of Japanese.

In this connection the Department of Education has been collecting popular songs from all parts of the country, but nothing yet has been done in the matter of publication. Professor Tamura hopes that the example of Germany will be followed in the creation of folk songs.

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THE HARBOUR RACE.

COOKE WINS.

Great interest was taken in the Harbour Race last Saturday afternoon for the prizes presented by the proprietors of the *China Mail*, Limited. The race between the V.R.C. and Queen Statue Wharf was crowded, as was also the V.R.C., and all the buildings on the water front near the finishing point. The route in the harbour was also well crowded with boats and launches following the swimmers, and over the excitement a boat capsized in the middle of the race.

The Officials were—Judge; Mr. A. Crane; Starter; Mr. T. Meek; Referee; Mr. Frank Lamont; Time-keeper; Mr. C. D. Silas.

Postponed at half past five, Mr. Meek sent the following swimmers, from their course from the Police Pier:—Messrs. F. C. S. Rose, A. Abbas, T. Barnett, A. V. Barros, A. A. Claxton, G. J. Cooke, J. P. Corwith, F. M. da Cunha, A. S. Ellis, C. Sequela, George Witchell, Private Crook, R. A. M. C., Private W. F. Tully, A.S.C., Corporal Morris, R.E., Private W. Stiff, "Buffa," W. G. Carter, H.M.S. *Tamar*, R. W. Ladel, H.M.S. *Cadmus*, Dupuy, H.M.S. *Kent*, and J. Houston, U.S.S. *Gatlin*.

Barros and Ellis struck to the West immediately on starting and kept up a good pace together, all the other swimmers making straight for the winning point, but the tide running through the harbour from west to east carried many a good way near to the Naval Yard, and about two hundred yards away from the starting point, T. Barnett retired. When about half the distance had been covered, Ellis was forced to retire, being very badly stung by jelly fish. The swimmers were encouraged by the sailors as they passed the crowded decks of the U.S.S. *Gatlin* and the Portuguese cruiser *Porto Grande*. On passing the latter ship, it looked as if Barros would win as this swimmer had a very straight course in front of him and was swimming strong while Cooke who had a slight lead was handicapped on account of being taken down as far as the Naval Dock, but on nearing the Victoria Recreation Club the latter put on a splendid sprint and won easily in 26 minutes 45 seconds. The fight between Barros and Morris for second place was splendid, Barros outswimming his opponent and winning by a few yards. F. C. S. Rose coming in fourth, Private Staff of the "Buffa" fifth, A. A. Claxton sixth and Private W. F. Tully, A. O. C., seventh.

This is the first race ever seen across the harbour with a record entry, all the placed men finishing in grand style.

The previous Winners and Times were:—1908 Gunner R. Brotherton, 27 minutes 42/4 seconds; 1907 A. E. Thomas (*Tamar*) 28 minutes 50/4 seconds; 1906 A. E. Thomas (*Tamar*) 16 minutes.

At the conclusion of the race, the prizes were presented by Mrs. Bellamy Brown, wife of the editor of the *China Mail*, after which Mr. Pearce handed her a handsome bouquet of flowers. Three ringing cheers then followed for Mrs. Brown and the *China Mail*.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS IN PEKING.

"COLONEL" BOB LOVE WONDERS WITH CHINESE GRANDEES.

"Colonel" Bob Love, the breezy representative of Harmston's Circus, is again in Hongkong bubbling over with tales of life in Peking where he has been hobnobbing with princes, dukes, marquises and all the rest of the Chinese upper crust.

When the company arrived in the capital of China it was found that no land where the big tent could be pitched was available. They tried the American legation to see if they could get a site. "Nothing doing" was the "Colonel's" remark, although it was put in stronger terms. Then the British legation was approached and fortunately the diplomats there agreed to allow the circus to give them, show on a wide expanse of land in the Legation grounds.

All Peking turned out to view the wonders of Harmston's, according to Bob, who himself has gained immortal renown as a speech-charmer. He can also speak several words of Chinese. Not the "man-man" or "masker" sort of thing but the real genuine silver-plated article, which resembles a song and dance performance. As a "Colonel" he was naturally *parlor grande* with the nobility and the Prince Regent says he has never met such a wonderful man in his life. The Emperor also is believed to have hopes of conferring a decoration on the enterprising manager of Harmston's but he has to wait till he attains his majority.

Our idea is that "Colonel" Bob Love said the performance to the dukes and Peking's peerage was given in the Forbidden City, but no one seems to know what will skip that point.

Acknowledged what he did with all his prince and aristocracy, the lordly showman said simply "Put them in a box."

"Were the tigers and lions struck with stage-fright?"

"Always on their best behaviour" was the reply. "The elephant tried to whistle in mandarin but gave up in disgust when the clowns imitated him."

"Any bombs or anarchists knocking about?"

"Many a bomb, hadn't time for such palaver."

He spoke in high terms of the character of the railway from Tientsin to Peking. The rolling stock he declared to be the finest in the world and every body knows that the "Colonel" couldn't exaggerate if he tried.

Tientsin he characterised as a "free place" and the company is going back there and to Tientsin before returning to Hongkong. It is expected the circus will land here on the 4th or 5th of next month, with a whole host of novelties and amazing wonders.

BOMBAY MILLS CLOSED.

EIGHT THOUSAND OPERATIVES ARE AFFECTED.

In connection with the Bombay cotton manufacturing crisis the cotton mills managed by Messrs. Greaves, Coates and Co. were informed by the mill authorities that the mills will not work in September for three days in the week and will be entirely closed in October. Today being September 1st, says a Bombay correspondent, the operatives, about 8,000 in number, assembled at the mills and refused to work and demanded their wages for August. They said the statement the mills might be closed was for two days in the week, or they claimed that instead of closing them entirely from October they might be closed from to-day and that they should be paid off. Closing the mills for three days in the week would give them but starvation wages. The police proceeded to the scene but the operatives behaved in a most orderly manner. The commissioner and deputy commissioners of police tried to bring about a settlement, discussed the situation with the mill authorities, and explained to the operatives the position. Through their intervention it was eventually agreed that the mills should be entirely closed from to-day and the workers paid off as before for the last month. The arrangement seemed to satisfy the operatives who began to make a move for their return.

ANOTHER PORTUGUESE CRUISER.

COOKE WINS.

"DONNA AMELIA" EN ROUTE TO HONGKONG.

Telegraphic news was received in Hongkong last Monday advising the departure of the Portuguese cruiser *Donna Amelia* from Singapore for Hongkong. The new Portuguese cruiser *Vasco da Gama* which has been in port now for some time. We understand that, before the *Vasco da Gama* leaves Hongkong for Lisbon, she will be drydocked for a general overhaul.

THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-sixth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the offices of the company, to-day, the 25th inst., at noon, reads—

The general managers have now to submit to the shareholders their report on the twenty-sixth year's working of the company, ending June 30th, 1909.

After paying all running expenses, premia of insurance, remuneration to the consulting committee and auditors' fees there remains a balance at credit of profit and loss account of \$111,54 which with the approval of shareholders will be transferred to the reserve fund; from which, in order to provide for depreciation of the company's properties it is proposed to take the sum of \$35,000.

The reserve fund will then stand at \$230,000.

The depression in trade referred to in the last report has been accentuated during the period under review, and while cargo has been scarce, competition on our lines has been keener than ever in face of the unfavourable condition of shipping in the East generally, and rates of freight have had to be reduced in consequence.

Accidents to the *Hai-ching* and *Haimui* during the year entailed their withdrawal from the line for a considerable period and have affected earnings appreciably, while the high price of fuel has also been a serious factor against profitable working; the amount expended on this account being considerably in excess of that of previous years.

The steamers and other properties of the company are in first class order.

The amounts appearing as "Freights due" and "Accounts Receivable" have since been collected.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

The committee now consists of Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Hon. Mr. W. J. Grosson and Mr. R. Shaw, who retire in terms of the articles of association but offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The accounts for the first six months have been audited by Messrs. A. R. Lowe and W. H. Potts and for the final six months by Messrs. W. H. Potts and E. A. M. Williams, the latter acting for Mr. Lowe. Messrs. Lowe and Potts now retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO., General Managers.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1909.

To Dividends paid for year ending 30th June, 1908 \$ 50,000.00

"Amount written off for depreciation for year ending 30th June, 1908 23,462.04 \$ 73,462.04

Exchequer account 4,341.47

"General interest account 2,430.44

"Auditors' fees 600.00

Remuneration to consulting committee for 12 months 2,000.00

Remuneration to general managers for office expenses, for 12 months 10,000.00

Loss on running the company's steamers during the year 5,032.68

Balance 1,312.54

S 99,178.17

By balance of profit and loss account, 30th June, 1908 \$73,462.04

By interest on mortgages 24,570.84

By cost account 1,145.29

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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1909.

Capital account:—

20,000 shares at \$50 \$ 1,000,000.00

Reserve fund 264,638.75

Unpaid bonus 100,587.75

Unpaid dividends 385.50

Sundry a/c payable 97,763.22

Profit and loss a/c 1,312.54

\$ 1,459,135.93

Assets:

Value of the Co.'s steamers:—*Hai-tan*, *Hai-ching*, *Haimui* and *Hai-*

phone \$1,165,680.00

Additions since made 2,207.00

\$1,168,787.00

Less amount written off as resolved at the last general meeting 21,000.00

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CONSUMPTION DURING AUGUST.

Pengang, September 8.

Statistics regarding the industry show that the consumption of tea in the United Kingdom during the month of August amounted to 1,000 tons.

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"Five o'clock Tea." Far too few of these establishments exist in Hongkong as it is. But the "Vienna" will apply what is known in fact, a new language, as a fast want. The "Vienna" occupies one of the most favoured spots in the shopping district of the city. Right opposite the Post Office, and within call of every department store, the new venture should prove a success. That it deserves such success goes without saying, but the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and it is safe to say that the proof will not be wanting. To-day the European staff was hard at work making great preparations for the opening of the "Vienna" and unless we are vastly mistaken the fruits of their labours will meet to-morrow with the reward that is due to enterprise and industry. It appears that the "Vienna" has had some trials in the shape of slow delivery of the special crockery ordered from Europe, but all these are past. We can but recommend readers to give the place a visit and judge for themselves. Nothing like backing your own opinion.

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Rulers of the South.

EXCHANGE OF COURTESIES.

20th inst.

Following the usual custom, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Frederick Lugard, will return the official visit of the new Viceroy of Canton, H.E. Yuan Shu-hsun, who called on the Governor when passing through from Shanghai to take up his viceregal appointment. Sir Frederick will be accompanied by his side-de-camp and private secretary and proceeds to the Southern capital on board the Colonial Government steamer *Stanley* this evening. The party will board the tender at Blake Pier shortly before midnight and make straight for Canton where the *Stanley* is due to arrive early-to-morrow morning. On former occasions a flotilla of gunboats under Admiral Li Chao awaited the arrival of the *Stanley* some way down the river, and it may be expected that the usual ceremony will be observed by the Chinese Naval authorities on the present occasion of the Governor's visit. In case that the flotilla will escort the *Stanley* right up to Shemeen, where the official landing will take place. The gubernatorial party will be received at Canton by Mr. H. H. Fox, acting British Consul-General. On his official visit to the Viceroy, the Governor will be accompanied by Mr. Fox.

Sir Frederick Lugard's stay in Canton will not be extended beyond one day, as it is expected His Excellency will return the same evening and arrive at Hongkong early on Wednesday morning.

SIR FREDERICK LUGARD IN CANTON.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 20th September.

H. E. Viceroy Yuan Shu-hsun has issued an invitation to the Governor of Hongkong, Sir Frederick Lugard, H.E.A.D., Capt. Captain Taylor, and three or four other to attend a dinner at his yamen on the 21st last. At the entertainment there will also be present the British Consul-General at Canton, Mr. H. H. Fox, the three Tartar Generals, Adm. Li Chin, the ex-acting Viceroy, H. E. Wu Seung Lum, Taotai Su Yei Chiu, Taotai Wei Hui, and several other deputies of foreign affairs.

SIR FREDERICK'S VISIT TO CANTON.

RECEPTION BY VICEROY YUAN.

22nd inst.

As already reported H. E. the Governor, Sir Frederick Lugard, left Hongkong for Canton on Monday last, the 20th inst., on a return-official visit to H. E. Yuan Shu-hsun, Viceroy of Canton. Accompanying the Governor were Capt. P. H. Taylor, A.D.C., Capt. Simon, Private Secretary, His Honour Mr. H. J. Gompertz, and Mr. R. O. Hutchinson.

He was to be Stanly (Capt. G. L. Willoughby), by which the party proceeded to Canton, left Blake Pier shortly after 1 p.m. on Monday, Lieut. C. W. Beckwith, R.M., harbour master, being at the wharf to see the Governor off. The *Stanley* steamed down by the Central Fairway and was favoured with a splendid view all the way down passing the historical Bogue Forts at the darkest hour of the day just before the dawn. On the morning of Tuesday H.M. gunboat *Moorer* and the torpedo boats *Oss* and *Ost* steamed up to *Stanley*, the *hawker*, taking up position ashore, while the torpedo boats provided a rear-guard. Thus escorted the Governor's vessel journeyed up river. The little British fleet passed Whampoa Barrier not long before 7 a.m. arriving at Canton two hours later. The vessels moored to buoys of the Shemeen. Soon after making fast to her moorings the *Stanley* to make his appearance was Admiral Li Chao, who borded the *Stanley* by the Chinese gunboat *Lung Shan*. Later in the morning Mr. H. H. Fox, His Majesty's acting Consul-General, called on Sir Frederick and arrangements for the Governor's official landing were then completed.

Punctually at ten o'clock His Excellency and party landed at the Consulate steps on the Shemeen where a Guard of Honour from H.M. ship is port about fifty strong and a party of Chinese soldiers had been drawn up to receive the distinguished visitor on landing. Sir Frederick reviewed the guard and then proceeded to H. B. M. Consulate, accompanied by Mr. Fox.

The harbour in front of Shemeen presented the appearance of a gala day with the warships all dressed in honour of the Governor of Hongkong. The fleet consisted of the French gunboat *Argus*, H. M. S. *Robin*, *Monach*, *Stanley*, *Oss* and *Ost* and the Chinese revenue cruiser *Kai Pan*.

After a visit to the—Tartar General Sir Frederick and party, conducted by Consul-General Fox, repaired to the viceregal yamen in the city where the Viceroy was visited and the visitors entertained at luncheon. Besides the Viceroy, H. E. Sir Frederick Lugard, the other guests were:—The Tartar General, the Lieutenant, Tartar General, Admiral Li Chin, ex-acting Viceroy Wu Seung-lum, Mr. H. H. Fox, Capt. P. H. Taylor, A.D.C., Capt. Simon, private secretary, Mr. H. J. Gompertz, Mr. R. O. Hutchinson, Taotai Si Wing-Nin (Foreign Secretary), Taotai Ngai Ho, and others. Altogether the party consisted of twenty. After lunch Mr. Meo-cheng, the enterprising photographer of Hongkong, took a photograph of the whole group. His Excellency returned to the *Stanley* between three and four o'clock in the afternoon.

Later the Chinese gunboat *Lung Shan*, flying the viceregal flag at the fore, drew alongside the *Stanley*. On board the gunboat were H.E. the Viceroy and a party of seven Chinese officials. Viceroy Yuan called to return. Sir Frederick's visit. The Chinese were entertained to tea after which they took leave and returned to their ship, the *Lung Shan* casting off a few minutes after 5 p.m.

At the invitation of Consul-General Fox, the Governor and party were the guests at dinner of His Majesty's representative at Canton on the same evening. The Governor returned to the tender about 11 p.m. and before midnight the *Stanley* was again under steam on her way to Hongkong. The Chinese authorities in Canton performed a gracious act of courtesy by detailing the gunboat *Lung Shan* to escort the *Stanley* to Hongkong. Under Capt. Willoughby's experienced piloting the tender arrived safely in the harbour at 0.30 a.m. to-day her escort following half-an-hour later. It may be added that the thunderstorm, which broke over Hongkong yesterday, was experienced at Canton, the storm lasting from 4 to 5.30 p.m. and then the continuous rain, until four o'clock this morning.

COLONEL Bob Love, the genial advance agent for Harrington's Circus, is no longer amongst the unemployed; to-day (22nd inst.) he received a wire from Tientsin stating that the company will have that port to-morrow and may be expected to arrive at Hongkong on the 1st October, opening on Saturday, the 2nd. Just exactly what arrangements are to be made for the accommodation of the circus remounted and details will be forthcoming shortly.

Opium Deadlock in Canton.

IMPORTING FIRM SEIZED.

BUSINESS AT A STANDSTILL.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 21st September. It will be recalled that the opium merchant, Chuen Fook Cheung, was arrested some time ago on account of his refusal to apply from the officials for the triplicate permits to cover his imports and the movement thereof. The opium merchant was ordered to pay a fine of \$360, but as the money has not been forthcoming the shop in Hong Kong Street was yesterday sealed up by the police authorities. As a protest against the action of the authorities the opium business in this city have not resumed their business as yet.

HONGKONG MERCHANTS TAKE ACTION.

NEW CUSTOMERS FOUND IN SAIGON AND SAIMAM.

It may be remembered that some time ago we made reference to the action of the Chinese authorities in Canton requiring dealers in opium to obtain permits from the police before they would be allowed to carry on their business. The Chinese opium merchants strongly objected to this order which was promulgated shortly before the arrival of the new viceroy, presumably with the object of convincing His Excellency of the energy and vigilance of the police. It is true that the regulation existed prior to its enforcement at this time but it had been allowed to drop into desuetude; in other words, it was a dead-letter until a sudden spurt on the part of the authorities recalled to their mind the fact that such an order was to be found in the official pigeon-holes.

In an excess of zeal, the authorities arrested one merchant who continued to sell opium without troubling about the permit and the other merchants in the trade immediately gave up business as an evidence of their sympathy with the imprisoned trader. Since then the authorities have seized his shop and sealed it up, with the result that the trade is completely disorganized and practically at a standstill. The consequence of this unexpected move on the part of the Chinese authorities, and the attitude of defiance exhibited by the opium merchants who continue obdurately to refuse to accede to the demands of the police, is that the Hongkong trade with Canton has been to all intents and purposes completely paralysed.

An appeal was made to the British Consul-General at Canton to make representations to the Viceroy on the subject in order that the British traders in opium in Hongkong should not be debarred from the enjoyment of the rights of free trade to which they are entitled under successive treaties. The Consul-General had a conference with the Viceroy but nothing eventuated.

The Hongkong merchants have now decided to enlist on their behalf the interest of the Chamber of Commerce in order that the opium trade with Canton may no longer remain under a ban and a communication setting forth the facts of the case and pressing the claims of local traders has been sent to the Foreign Office in London.

Fortunately for the trade, since the direct dealings with Canton merchants have been stopped, a new outlet through Saigon, on the West River, has been found. It is curious to note that as if an effort to the Canton embargo had been specially arranged, an extraordinary and unexplainable demand has arisen in Saigon, for opium from Hongkong. Previously, the Saigon merchants bought their supplies in the open market in Calcutta, but for some reason or other they have during the last week or two turned their attention to Hongkong. A week ago an order for 300 chests was supplied to the merchants in Saigon from Hongkong and further inquiries are being made for the Governor's official landing were then completed.

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The latest addition to journalistic ventures in Hongkong is a modest little daily printed in the Japanese language for the benefit of the Japanese community in Hongkong. It is called the *Hongkong Nippon*, i.e., the *Hongkong Daily News*. It specializes in telegrams of Japanese political and commercial interest and is also concerned with the social doings of our Japanese friends in Hongkong. Chinese news, having special reference to Japan, is also made a feature of the paper, while its news-letters from the Coast ports supply reports of interest concerning the Japanese communities scattered over the Treaty ports of China. In the latter respect, the editor, is particularly favoured by a service from personal friends of his. The *Nippon* is edited by Mr. Matsushima, whose long residence in China and his personal acquaintance with the language of the country, peculiarly fit him to comment with intelligence and discernment on the current events of interest to China and Japan. We wish our Japanese contemporaries a long career of usefulness and success.

COLD STORAGE.

SINGAPORE TO FORWARD PRODUCE TO KUALA LUMPUR.

We are informed, says the *Malay Mail*, that a Kuala Lumpur firm—Messrs. Cumberbatch and Co.—have been appointed agents for the Singapore Cold Storage Co. Ltd. and that a storage chamber will shortly be erected in the vicinity of the Empire Hotel. This should be welcome news to those who reside in Kuala Lumpur and district. Though spasmodic efforts have been made in the past to import regularly the Cold Storage Co.'s meat, butter, etc., various causes have militated against their success. In a few cases families or messes have combined to order a sheep weekly, but it has been found to be almost more trouble than it was worth, and there was always the possibility of complications arising, as, for instance, if Mrs. A. and Mrs. B. both desired the same portion of the animal. Further, with small quantities, it is always difficult to land them in Kuala Lumpur in good condition. With a case of butter containing 54 lbs. there is no trouble, but anything might happen to an isolated pound during the perilous journey from Singapore to the Federal capital. The erection of a storage chamber means that there will always be a good supply available. A list of prices will be published, and the housekeeper will be able to post an order or call and inspect the goods for himself or herself. The days of the buffalo as an article of diet would seem to be numbered, and we trust the venture will prove a success.

COLONEL Bob Love, the genial advance agent for Harrington's Circus, is no longer amongst the unemployed; to-day (22nd inst.) he received a wire from Tientsin stating that the company will have that port to-morrow and may be expected to arrive at Hongkong on the 1st October, opening on Saturday, the 2nd. Just exactly what arrangements are to be made for the accommodation of the circus remounted and details will be forthcoming shortly.

The "Anhui" in Port.

ARRIVAL OF MR. BUTLER WRIGHT.

CHIEF OFFICER SAYS TYPHOON BLEW WITH HURRICANE FORCE.

When the ss. *Anhui* (Capt. J. B. Harris) arrived in port last Wednesday morning from the North, a representative of the *Telegraph* board the merchantman in the hope of gleanings whatever information that was possible with regard to the violent typhoon which had recently swept down the Coast, to the great anxiety of both the Naval authorities and a prominent shipping firm, who naturally entertained fears that their vessels had experienced the full force of the typhoon and probably in distress, which happily were baseless. The *Anhui* left Shanghai on the 16th inst. and her arrival this morning, therefore, is fully three days behind schedule time. In an interview with the Chief Officer, our representative was able to confirm most of the facts which appeared in our last issue, with however, this additional information—that at three o'clock on the 20th inst., the typhoon blew with hurricane force, as a consequence of which, the *Anhui* was obliged to seek shelter in Haifan Straits. With regard to the Kowloon-Canton railway sencation, our representative learnt that Mr. Butler Wright, accompanied by Inspector Welch, of Shanghai Municipal Police, took passage on the *Anhui* at Shanghai to proceed to Canton, where he will attend the consular proceedings. No relatives whatever were placed on Mr. Wright and his conduct throughout the voyage was characterized by a calm demeanour which dispelled from a stranger's mind any lingering thoughts of the extraordinary nature of the change preferred against the well-known personality. Shortly after the ship berthed at the buoy, a relative of Mr. Wright, who occupies a prominent position in the Colony, went on board to see him, but beyond this our representative was unable to gather any further information.

NEW TERRITORY OUTRAGE.

FIVE MEN ARRESTED.

In connection with the recent tragedy in the New Territory, whereby two Indian policemen were brutally murdered in broad daylight, it is now learnt that five men have been arrested for being concerned in the cold-blooded act and the Police have hopes of bringing to book three more men in connection with the dastardly affair. It may be remembered that the deed was committed near At Tan, in the New Territory, on the 20th August last, when two Indian policemen, acting as convoys to a treasure box containing some \$400, were set upon by eight Chinamen, and hacked to death before the unfortunate men had had time to realize the situation. Full particulars of the unfortunate occurrence appeared in the *Telegraph* at the time and the Police have since spared no pains in tracking the criminals and, as already stated, their efforts have been crowned by a smart capture, as a result of which there is a possibility of all the eight men being placed on their trial.

In connection with the double murder which was committed at At Tan, in the New Territory, on the 20th August last, when two Indian policemen were brutally done to death by a gang of eight Chinamen, three men appeared on the 21st August last, and were formally remanded for a week. Two more men who had been arrested in connection with the affair have been released from custody, as sufficient evidence against them is not forthcoming.

MR. J. O. P. BLAND.

DISCUSSION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The following, from *The Times* of August 18th, gives the full text of a discussion in the House of Commons regarding the resignation of Mr. J. O. P. Bland as agent-general of the British and Chinese Corporation.

Ed. Winterton (Suffex, Horsham, Opp.) asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he had received complaints as to the manner in which the tenders for the Tientsin-Pukow Railway were being manipulated by financiers being transformed into joint stock companies of limited liability.

Mr. Ginnell asked whether the chief resident engineer was a nomine of the Crown Agents.

Mr. Fuller.—He is an officer appointed under the Colonial Office.

Mr. Ginnell.—Nominated by the Crown Agents.

Mr. Fuller (with emphasis).—No.

Mr. Ginnell asked the Under-Secretary for the Colonies whether he was aware that the consulting engineer for the Kowloon Railway was appointed at the instance of the Crown Agents; that all correspondence between this engineer and the Government of Hongkong passed through the Crown Agents' hands and their wishes prevailed in all things; that the making of the railway, the ordering of material and equipment, the appointment of the staff, and the provision of money for these purposes, were in the hands of the Crown Agents, who exercised unlimited patronage, held a lien on the railway and on the funds of the Colony, and were regarded as owners of the railways and employers of the staff; and whether the Colonial Office would fix any limit to the indefinite expenditure of money on this project.

Mr. Fuller.—The answer to the first and third parts of the hon. gentleman's question is in the negative. The correspondence between the consulting engineer and the Colony passes through the hands of the Crown Agents under a fixed salary. With regard to the last part of the question, the expenditure will be limited to the amount required for the construction and equipment of the line.

Mr. Ginnell asked whether the hon. gentleman could explain how it was his answer was in the negative, seeing that it was in direct contradiction to a statement made on May 13th by the Governor of Hongkong.

Mr. Fuller.—No, Sir.

Mr. Moore.—As this is a very important matter to the constituents of the hon. member to North-West Meath, could we have a fuller reply? (Laughter.)

No answer was given.

SHANGHAI RIVER-FATALITIES.

FIVE LIVES LOST.

Since Monday last there have been three accidents on the river, says the *Shanghai Times* of 16th inst., as a result of which five lives have been lost, one a German sailor and the other four Chinese. In the first case, three sailors from the German gunboat *Luchs* and a sailor from the Hamburg-America Linie *Aragon*, were proceeding in a sampan to their respective ships, intending first to go to the *Aragon* and then along to the *Luchs*. The gunboat was lying near the old Ningpo wharf and no great distance from the *Aragon*. The *Aragon* was safely reached and the sailor stepped on to the gangway. Just as he did so the sampan was all but overturned and two of the men from the *Luchs* toppled over into the water. The alarm was raised and two men from the *Aragon* dove overboard to rescue the men, one of whom, named Pixner, struggled insanely and almost drowned. His would-be rescuer, indeed, had to release his hold, when the man-of-war sailors sank from sight. In the meantime the second officer of the *Aragon* had put off in the sampan and picked up three of the men, but there were then no signs of the fourth. He was not seen again.

A stone junk was proceeding up river about ten o'clock on Tuesday night with a crew of eight men on board. When just off the Jetty a sudden squall struck the craft and the turned turtle. Four of the crew sprang into the sampan which she was towing astern, but this was swamped and the men were swept away. The other four clung to the mast of the junk and were ultimately rescued by the police patrol. Hardly had they been saved than the junk sank. Yesterday the junk was raised, but the bodies of the unfortunate men have not been discovered.

The third mishap happened to a junk loaded with wheat belonging to the Yenan Ching Flour Mill on Soochow Creek. On Tuesday evening the boat was pulled close in shore near Lloyd Road and then lost for the night. At low tide the junk settled down into the soft mud and was so firmly imbedded that when the tide rose the water poured into her over the stern. When she was again visited by the crew she was full of water and mud, and if not all, the cargo was damaged. Fortunately no lives were lost.

It is reported in a Chinese newspaper that the shareholders of the Chekiang Railway, being aware of the Navy Commissioners' expected arrival in Hangchow shortly, intend to take the opportunity of forming a league of the various public bodies to extend a welcome to the commissioners. They will also bring forward their views and urge the cancellation of the lease contract, as well as asking for protection.

MACAO'S NEW GOVERNOR.

ARRIVAL YESTERDAY.

21st inst.
The new Governor of Macao, Señor Marques, the ex-Governor of Timor, arrived by the L.A.C. Co. s.s. *Easterneleven* from Timor. Señor Marques was received on arrival by a Portuguese official from Macao who had been despatched to Hongkong for the purpose. Immediately on landing, His Excellency, who is accompanied by Lady Marques, proceeded to the Hongkong Hotel where they are staying until their departure for Macao. Later in the evening His Excellency General Sir Joachim Machado, the Macao Delimitation Commissioner, called officially on Señor Marques, and was accompanied by Captains Cinatti and Norton. The visitors were the guests at an informal dinner of Señor and Mrs. Marques.

owing to the absence of Sir Frederick Lugard and at Canton, no official calls were made today by the Portuguese visitor, who, however, in the course of the afternoon, paid visits to the Portuguese warships in port.

We understand that Señor Marques leaves for Macao on board the gunboat *Faithful* tomorrow, when Señor Rocadas will relinquish the administration of government of the Portuguese Colony in favour of his successor.

DEAF WOMAN RUN OVER BY TRUCK.

21st inst.

Kowloon was the scene of a shocking accident the other day, which resulted in the death of an old woman. It appears that on Friday last, the deceased, who was well advanced in

Sunning Railway.

THE EXTENSION LINE.

PROTEST FROM SAN-UI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, 22nd September.

The Sunning Railway Company is reported to have obtained from the Ministry of Posts and Communications the right of extending the Sunning Railway from Kung Yick Rau market-town to as far as Kongmeng, the whole of the proposed line lying within the district of San-Ui. The Sunning Railway Company has now invited subscriptions for shares at \$5 each from the public to raise the required funds for the undertaking. Not long recently, however, have the people of San-Ui district brought forward any protest against the Sunning Railway Company as regards the Company's undertaking in that district. Now they assert that the line should be built by themselves and with their own money.

The San-Ui people have consequently been holding public meetings at the Ming Lien Tong Assembly Hall and have agreed to raise capital of two million dollars, of which sum half is said to have been already underwritten. They are now endeavouring to lay before the Ministry of Posts and Communications at Peiping a claim for the restoration to them of the right of building the railway within their district.

THE HABEAS CORPUS CASE.

PRISONER DISCHARGED.

Before the day's business commenced at the Criminal Sessions last Thursday, the Chief Justice delivered judgment in the recent *habeas corpus* case. It may be remembered that no application was made the other day for a writ of *habeas corpus*, in the course of which interesting details were adduced.

His Lordship said in part that he was sorry that in this case he had again to pick holes in the procedure which had been followed, but he was bound to do it. Three important points had been raised but one of them seemed to go down to the very roots of the administration of justice—that no Magistrate nor Judge had any right to delay justice. When he had made up his mind he was bound to deliver judgment. This could not, of course, be dealt with in any formal way, and it was left entirely to the judicial discretion of the judge or magistrate. In this case it had been stated by the Crown Solicitors that the magistrate had made up his mind, that he would not commit the prisoner on the charge of murder owing to difficulty of identification and promised at a future date to discharge him, and then take evidence on another charge. Yet prisoner, entitled to his discharge, was brought up on the 4th and remanded until the 10th. Apparently, the second remand was in order that another warrant might be served upon him. There was a tendency, he thought, to be complaisant in the administration of the law after extradition, and certainly the second warrant could undoubtedly have been served and executed on this prisoner, and so he would not then have been entitled to discharge. But, being entitled to discharge, he was entitled to be free, and before the second warrant was served upon him. With regard to the magistrates not sitting in the Court, His Lordship said that though it might be considered a technical point, he considered it of importance and held that the steps taken were not in Court at all, and that the prisoner was entitled to his discharge.

Mr. Eddo Potter, in the absence of Mr. M. W. Slade, applied for prisoner's release with an appearance in Court. The application was granted.

RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING CO.

Following is the result of crushing operations at Raub for the four weeks ending 1st instant:—Bukit Komac—Tons crushed, 3,330 gold obtained, 88½ ounces; average per ton 5.29. Bukit Malaca—Tons crushed, 1,807½ gold obtained, 158 ounces; average per ton 1.70.

JAPANESE IN CHINA.

The Echo de Chine of 14th inst. contains an interesting article translated from the column of the *In Chou Ilt Pan*. The author of the article is a Japanese, whose object is to advocate a vigorous policy on the part of Japan in her financial and commercial dealings with China. The N. C. D. News translates some of the more salient portions of this article, the importance of which cannot be overlooked.

Now that Occidentals are coming to understand that China is a country in which they can enrich themselves, they will come pouring into the country to engage in commercial enterprises. If we Japanese to do not do so that is in our power to obtain our due financial rights in China, in ten years such rights will have passed entirely into Occidental bands.

We are of the opinion that our Government should send immediately many of our fellow-countrymen into the interior of China. Since our language and race are similar to those of the Chinese, it would be very easy for us to become merchants and professors. It would be much easier for us than for white people to have close commercial relations with the Chinese.

Eight years ago we started in Shanghai the Tung Wen College. This school has already supplied us with 22 students, who have a perfect knowledge of the Chinese language, both spoken and written. They have penetrated into the interior of the country and are now able to engage in business with the natives without the intervention of compradores. What benefits might not accrue to us were we largely to increase the number of such students!

For ten years we have entirely ignored the financial state of China. Since last year, however, many Japanese books have appeared which treat of Chinese financial and commercial matters. To speak frankly, if we are now acquainted with the pecuniary and financial situation in China, it is because we have founded the Tung Wen College and have sent one hundred of our young men into the eighteen provinces of China, to make a study of commercial matters. If we continue on these lines we shall assuredly come to have a yet better knowledge of the financial state of China.

Let our capitalists and merchants be of one mind for the development of their industries and their commerce. If they can act in this way, in ten years it will not be the white people but we who shall obtain the financial rights of China, and the Occidentals, no longer able to compete with us in China, will return to the Occident and give way to profound despair.

A TELGRAM from Hongkong says that the Governor has undertaken to raise £1,000,000 for the navy organisation. The Provincial Treasury, Salt Controller, the Grain Inspector and the Police Bureau will jointly contribute £1,000,000 a year, for four years, and the Chinese will subscribe £1,000,000 for the same period.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INTERIM DIVIDEND DECLARED.

BIG BLAZE AT HONAM.

TWENTY-NINE HOUSES GUTTED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 21st September.

The manager of the Chartered Bank informs us that he has received from his London Office a telegram advising that an interim dividend has been declared for the past half-year to 30th June, 1900, at 3% p.m. free of income tax.

VINYL-THROWING.

CHINAMAN IS ALLEGED TO HAVE THROWN CORROSIVE FLUID ON WOMAN'S FACE.

The rather uncommon offence of vinyl-throwing was the charge against a Mandarin-speaking Chinaman at the Criminal Sessions last Wednesday. The assault was alleged to have been committed on the 8th inst. on a woman who is said to have been indebted to the prisoner in the sum of \$5. Mr. C. J. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. H. L. Denys, Jr., from the Crown Solicitor's Office) appeared for the Crown. Prisoner was undefended and pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The jury consisted of the following gentlemen:—Mr. J. R. Boyes (foreman), Messrs. J. C. Kitzmantle, E. H. Neave, G. V. Langstein, E. A. Long, G. Koenig and C. H. W. Kew.

It appeared from the prosecution that, on the day in question, prisoner threw the contents of a phial full of oil of vitriol on the complainant, a woman, with intent to burn. The woman was said to have owed prisoner \$5, which might have supplied some motive for his act. The woman was proceeding down some steps about seven in the evening, when she felt some corrosive fluid on her back. On turning round, she saw prisoner, who seated her to a fresh seat in the face. She saw him later in company with a woman, and both fled in opposite directions. Two months before the assault, a certain fluid of a greenish colour was found in prisoner's room. The Attorney-General further explained that a couple of stains caused by the fluid were found on prisoner's jacket and similar stains were found on the garments of prosecutor.

Dr. Frank Browne, Government Analyst, also gave evidence.

A verdict of not guilty was entered and the prisoner discharged.

THE POOCHOW TYphoon.

DETAILS OF THE DISASTER.

The *Foochow Echo*, of 15th inst., reports—

In the early hours of Wednesday, the 15th last, Foochow was visited by a typhoon of unusual severity, and although it raged for no more than six hours it easily ranks as the most violent of any typhoon which has visited this Port for the past twenty years. On retiring to land on Tuesday night very few of the company had any idea that before morning they would be roused to do battle for their houses and homes and, in fact, the Chinese floating population, usually so correct in their judgment as to the near approach of a typhoon, ridiculed the idea of any such thing impending. The evening of Tuesday was calm with bright starlight and certainly gave no indications of being the forerunner of a storm of such great severity. Therefore, it is not to be wondered at that when the wind commenced at about three a.m. practically no one was prepared and the toll taken from the river folk was exceptionally heavy. The wind increased in violence rapidly, reaching its full force at about 6.30 a.m. when the barometer in the Club registered 29.10, and there is no doubt that had it continued at its full strength for any considerable length of time five houses would have been left in Foochow. As it was, practically no house escaped unscathed, all being more or less seriously damaged and presenting all the evidences of the fury of the wind. Several houses were unroofed, others lost shutters and walls, while in the case of Jardine's house the chimney fell through the roof and on to the bed of the manager who, luckily enough, had just left that particular spot. At the Chinese Girls' School a chimney fell through, the debris falling immediately in front of a girl who was standing in the door frame in the room below.

THE SCENE ON THE HILL.

was one of unexpected devastation and ruin. Trees of some 200 years old have been uprooted and damage to the shade trees has been done to an extent such as will take many years to remedy while the telephone services—native and foreign—have been wiped out. The banks of the river for miles were littered by the wrecks of the various craft, while large ocean-going junks were buddied together in every conceivable style of confusion. Many junks were ashore on the end of Chui Chow Island, the houses at that point having been smashed by the undesirable visitors. House boats without masts, sampans and boats bottom up, cargo boats with decks awash were to be seen at all points, while the household along the banks of the river were hanging in all conceivable shapes, just as though they had been struck by dynamite. The pontoon and jollys of the Ewo Band had disappeared, two deep water steamers were lying alongside.

At the Criminal Sessions last Wednesday, the Chief Justice (Sir Francis Piggott) presiding, two Chinamen were arraigned on a charge of armed robbery which was committed on the night of the 12th August last at Lau Tau. Mr. C. J. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. H. L. Denys, Jr., from the Crown Solicitor's Office) acted Attorney-General in the absence of Sir Henry Berkely, K. C. The prisoners were undefended.

Following is the jury's verdict:—Mr. J. R. Boyes (foreman), Messrs. J. C. Kitzmantle, E. H. Neave, G. V. Langstein, E. A. Long, G. Koenig and C. H. W. Kew.

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LAST NIGHT'S THUNDERSTORM.

SOME OF THE CASUALTIES.

AT 22ND INST.

Another grand water polo contest was witnessed by a large gathering yesterday afternoon at the Victoria Recreation Club's enclosure, when the above teams met. A few changes were witnessed, H. C. Sayer and J. M. Rosa Pereira playing for the Probables in place of R. C. Witchell and C. Humphreys, while F. L. Rosa, A. J. V. Ribeiro and A. S. Witchell and A. S. C. Sayer and J. M. Rosa Pereira in the Possibles.

Probables—Blue:—L. E. Lammert, G. J. Cooke, A. H. Carroll, A. E. S. Alves, H. C. Sayer, J. M. Rosa Pereira and Corporal Burke ("Bulls").

Possibles—White:—A. A. Claxton, A. J. V. Ribeiro, A. S. Ellis, Corporal Morrison, R. E. F. L. Rosa, J. Forbes and P. M. Remedios.

The play throughout the entire match was exceedingly fast, and close marking made it impossible for either side to score any hard shots. The struggle, however, was nearly always in favor of the Probables, who were attacking continually, but were unable to score. Forbes, the Possibles' goal-keeper, played very well in goal and time after time averted what looked like disaster to his side.

At Kuliang.

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Telegrams.**"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.****NAVAL REORGANISATION.**

FOREIGN MODEL TO BE ADOPTED.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 17th September.
It has been decided to frame regulations for the Navy on the model of those obtaining in England, America and Germany.

PRINCE SHUN AT CHIN-KIANG.**VICEROY CHANG WELCOMING.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Shanghai, 17th September.
Viceroy Chang Jen-chun is proceeding to Chinkiang to-day to welcome Prince Shun Pui-lap.

MANCHURIAN VICE-ROYALTY.**SIK LIANG TO BE RECALLED.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 17th September.
It is proposed by the Grand Council to recall Viceroy Sik Liang and give him a post in Peking, and to appoint Lei Tin-lum as Viceroy of the Three Eastern Provinces.

Nothing definite has been settled as regards the proposal.

CHANG CHIH-TUNG.**VEKED AT CRITICISM.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 17th September.
Chang Chih-tung is exceedingly vexed at the criticisms levelled against him for raising loans for the construction of railways and refused to resume duties in consequence. He persists in resigning his post as Director-General of Railways.

THE PRESS.**AND THE MANCHURIAN QUESTIONS.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 17th September.
The Head of the Police in Peking has notified the newspapers that all questions affecting the Three Eastern Provinces between China and Japan have been amicably settled. Editors are enjoined not to make allusions to them in their papers lest they should incite the people.

NAVAL FUNDS.**A MUNIFICENT PROMISE.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 17th September.
The Chekiang Province has promised a contribution of one million taels towards the funds for the formation of a Navy.

ADMIRAL SAH.**NAVAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 17th September.
The Ministry of War has issued instructions to all Provinces to the effect that for the present the Navy is under the control of Admiral Sah, and that as soon as all the naval stations and the construction of warships are completed there will be two Admirals—one for the Northern and the other for the Southern squadron.

MACAO'S DELIMITATION.**CHINESE COMMISSIONER'S INSTRUCTIONS.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 19th September.
The Waiwupu has telegraphed to H.E. Kao Erh Ch'ien, the Macao Delimitation Commissioner, to define the boundaries of Macao according to the Treaty and in conformity with the original boundary limits.

Should the Portuguese Government seek to secure advantage as regards the territorial waters, the Commissioner is not to yield to their pressure. He should abide by the stipulations of the old Treaty.

MANCHURIAN OFFICIALS.**RESIGNATION PERSISTED IN.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 19th September.
Viceroy Sik Liang, Governor-Chan Tsu-sung of Fuzhou, and Foreign

Commissioner Pan Pong-sang persist in resigning their positions on account of the difficulties in conducting negotiations with foreign countries.

GAMBLING IN KWANG-TUNG.**MEETING IN PEKING.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 17th September.
The Cantonese holding offices in Peking proposed to meet yesterday for the purpose of taking steps to suppress gambling in Kwangtung.

THE PEKING PRESS.**PUBLICATION OF STATE SECRETS.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 19th September.
On the plea that the newspapers in Peking have been made the medium of communicating State secrets thereby affecting the friendly relations with other countries, the Waiwupu has memorialized the Throne suggesting the suppression of the *Tai Tung Daily Press* and the *Kwock Po*. Both the Ministry of Justice and the Waiwupu are keeping a sharp lookout for persons suspected of communicating secret matter to the Press.

THE OVERDUE "CLO".**H. M. S. "ASTREA" IN SEARCH.**

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 19th September,
12.45 p.m.
H.M.S. *Astrea* sailed suddenly yesterday, presumably in search for the missing sloop *Clio*.

S. S. "MAORI KING."**ASHORE NEAR NINGPO.**

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 20th September,
12.45 p.m.
The s.s. *Maori King* is badly ashore near Ningpo.

THE NAVAL COMMIS-SIONERS.**ARRIVAL AT NANKING.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Shanghai, 20th September.
Prince Shun Pui-lap and Admiral Sah Chen-ping, naval commissioners, were due at Nanking yesterday.

Viceroy Chang Jen-chun returned to Nanking the day before in order to welcome the Naval Commissioners.

Later.
The Governor of Anhui Province arrived at Wuhu on the 19th inst. to welcome Prince Shun.

Nanking, 20th September.
Prince Shun and Admiral Sah arrived here in the evening of the 19th inst.

PEKING-KALGAN RAILWAY.

MINISTER'S INSPECTION.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 20th September.
H.E. Shu Shih-chang, president of the Ministry of Posts and Communications, was to have started on the 18th inst. on a tour of inspection of the Peking-Kalgan Railway.

FINANCE.**COMPILING THE BUDGET.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 20th September.
The Ministry of Finance has called upon all the Provinces to furnish financial returns in anticipation of the compilation of the budget.

SHENG KUNG-PAO.**PROPOSED DENUNCIATION.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 20th September.
It is proposed by various Censors to send a joint memorial denouncing H.E. Sheng Kung-pao, vice-president of the Ministry of Posts and Communications, for alleged corruption and nepotism.

HUANGPU CONSERVANCY.**SUSPENSION OF WORK.****FUNDS EXHAUSTED.**

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 21st September,
4.30 p.m.
The Huangpu Conservancy work was stopped to-day.

The Taotai alleges that the funds are exhausted.
The matter has been referred to Peking.

CANTON-MACAO RAILWAY.**THE BOUNDARY QUESTION.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 21st September.
The Viceroy of Canton has telegraphed to the Grand Council to the effect that the railway zone must be definitely set out in the agreement for the Canton-Macao Railway before the question of the delimitation of the boundaries of Macao can be settled.

ANTI-JAPANESE BOYCOTT.**REPRESSIVE INSTRUCTIONS.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 21st September.
H.E. Liang Tun-yan, president of the Waiwupu, has telegraphed to all the Provinces to suppress the anti-Japanese boycott movement.

PRINCE SHUN.**RETURN TO PEKING.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 21st September.
Prince Shun in a cable despatch advises that he will be back in Peking before the 28th inst. to present his report on his recent mission.

Admiral Sah will remain at Shanghai to superintend the work of establishing the naval base at Samau Bay.

This rule is not to be departed from even when calamities overtake a Province and there is need of money to relieve distress.

MANCHURIA.**MUZZLING THE PRESS.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 21st September.
The Prince Regent has instructed the Grand Council that official ranks should be rendered unpurchasable in future.

This rule is not to be departed from even when calamities overtake a Province and there is need of money to relieve distress.

MANCHURIA.**MUZZLING THE PRESS.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 21st September.
The Waiwupu has instructed the Telegraph Administration in Peking to refuse delivery of any telegrams to the native Press having reference to the Three Eastern Provinces.

CHINESE LABOURERS FOR SAMOA.**GERMAN RECRUITING SANCTIONED.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 22nd September.
The Swatow authorities are willing to grant permission to the Germans to recruit six hundred labourers for Samoa.

NAVAL COMMISSIONERS.**DEPARTURE FROM NANKING.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Shanghai, 22nd September.
Prince Shun Pui-lap and Admiral Sah Pan-ching, naval commissioners, left Nanking on the 21st inst. for Hankow.

They did not land at Wuhu.

A NAVAL REQUEST.**REFUSED BY VICEROY CHANG.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Shanghai, 22nd September.
Viceroy Chang Jen-chun has notified the Waiwupu that a certain foreign man-of-war has applied for permission to drill a company of marines on a specified ground on the banks of the Yangtze.

Viceroy Chang has refused sanction and has detailed guards to watch the place.

THE MANCHURIAN AGREEMENT.**FOREIGN JEALOUSY.**

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 22nd September.
Germany, France and the United States, and also other Foreign Powers, considering the recently concluded Manchurian Agreement detrimental to their interests and in favour of Japan and Russia, have notified the Waiwupu accordingly, urging for a modification of the Agreement.

The different official departments in Canton are overwhelmed with officials and subordinates. Viceroy Yuan Shu-Hsun has therefore issued circular despatches to all departments for reduction of officials &c. in each department with a view to reduce the staff so as to effect savings in salaries, &c.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.**NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS.**

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 17th September.

In accordance with instructions received from the Imperial Government, the Kwantung Government has promised to appropriate a sum of thirty thousand taels to be remitted to Peking towards the naval reorganisation funds and a sum of fifteen thousand taels annually as Kwangtung's share towards the maintenance of the Navy.

RETRENCHMENT.

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TAOTAI WEI-HAN.

During his sojourn in Canton the Naval Commissioner, Prince Shun, greatly admired the valuable services of Taotai Wei Han. It is reported that Prince Shun has memorialized the Imperial Government to apply for the transfer of Taotai Wei Han and to have him accompany Prince Shun in his visit to foreign countries to study the foreign naval system.

SIR CHEN TUNG.

A Peking letter stated that, a short time ago, Sir Chen Tung Liang Cheng, at present in Peking, was granted an interview by the Prince Regent and had a conversation with him for a couple of hours. Sir Chen Tung will probably be retained in the capital to take up an appointment as Vice-President in a certain Ministry. It will be remembered that Sir Chen Tong accompanied Prince Shun, Prince Regent, on his visit to Germany a few years ago.

A BANKING SCHEME.

A man named Low Siau-Tong, who has great ideas on banking enterprise, has presented a petition to the Viceroy suggesting the formation of a banking corporation with a capital to be raised from the general public of the province. The petitioner is of the opinion that every person should be made to take up a share of two taels each payable in instalments. In reply, the Viceroy stated that, at the present time, the Chinese people do not seem to be sufficiently advanced in their ideas of finance to grasp the benefit of the scheme so the Viceroy does not consider the suggestions expedient for adoption.

VILLAGE ROBBERY.

On the 13th instant, a gang of robbers numbering over a hundred, attacked the Kow Kong village, in the Namhoi district, where they ransacked thirty-seven houses in all. The village militia made an attack upon the gang, but the latter managed to escape with a large quantity of valuable articles worth some fifty thousand dollars and kidnapped two men and a child. The villagers have now reported the outrage to the Canton officials, and a warrant has been sent to the village to investigate and report.

CLAN FIGHT.

With reference to the serious clan-fight which occurred between the people of the village of Po Leung and those of the village of Lung Ling, in the Namhoi district, as reported a few days ago, the bad feeling between the rival clans is still smouldering and on the smallest pretext one party will attack another with fire arms, &c., regardless of the presence of the Namhoi Magistrate and the "braves" who were sent by the Viceroy to the place to restore order. The Magistrate returned to Canton on the 13th instant and reported to the Viceroy the loss of nine lives in the first village and thirteen in the second. On the 1st instant the Kwangtung Brigadier General, Li Mun-yu, accompanied by the Namhoi Magistrate, together with a large number of soldiers, was despatched by the Viceroy to the scene of disturbance to restore order.

CONSULAR VISIT.

INTERPORT SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

Y. R. C. AQUATIC.

FIRST DAY.

23rd last.

The Victoria Recreation Club held their annual aquatic sports yesterday at the Club's enclosure. The day turned out to be an ideal one and the first day's set of the meeting was an unequalled success. The Club's building was well decorated with bunting, the credit of the pretty effect being due to Mr. C. Lesliebird, Steward of the Club. To provide additional accommodation for the large number of spectators present galleries were erected on the praya wall and the slipway while a lighter, moored westward effectively enclosed the water at the same time it provided increased accommodation.

This is the first year that an interport swimming contest has taken place in the Colony and the enthusiasm which the meeting evinced fully justified the fixture which, it may be hoped, will be made an annual event.

The most interesting events of the day were the 100 yards interport championship, the honour of which went to Hongkong first and second places, and the Half-mile interport championship which was won after a splendid race by R. W. MacCabe of Shanghai, C. J. Cooke (Hongkong) being second. The handicap events of the Club were very good throughout, all the finishers being excellent. The only event of the day which could not be decided by the judges is the High Dive, the merits of which were considered by Mr. G. A. Caldwell (Hongkong) and Mr. P. Fowler (Shanghai). The point of variance between the respective judges was the application of the rules. It was contended by the Shanghai Captain that the National Association rules should prevail, while the Hongkong judge held that local conditions should apply. According to the former contention D. H. Cooke (Shanghai) should receive the award; and by the application of the latter standard the verdict should unquestionably go in M. A. R. Souza's favour. As the judges could not reach a decision, it was referred to the Committee, of whom a meeting will be held to arrive at a satisfactory award.

The officials were:—President: His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.; Chairman: Mr. A. Rodger; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. C. D. Silas; Hon. Secretary: Mr. Frank Lammett; Judges: Messrs. M. McIver, H. B. Bridger, J. Rodger, A. N. Kemp and L. E. Lammett; Referee:—Mr. G. A. Caldwell; Starter: Mr. T. Meek; Handicapper: Messrs. T. Meek, A. S. Alves, A. A. Claxton, A. H. Carroll and H. C. Sayer; Official Time-keeper: Messrs. R. Galluzzi and W. A. Crake.

FOUR YARDS INTERPORT CHAMPIONSHIP.—Four started in this event, Humphreys and Claxton representing the Colony, MacCabe and Prince for Shanghai. All started off well Humphreys having a slight lead from the others and when they were on the second length it could be seen that Humphreys would carry the honour. At the third length Humphreys had a good lead, and the other three struggled hard to get close, but their efforts proved unavailing. Humphreys won with a comfortable margin, the fight for the second place was an exciting one, MacCabe, Prince, and Claxton going at it, and resulted in a win for Claxton by a strong touch.

C. H. Humphreys (Hongkong) 1
A. A. Claxton (Do.) 2
R. W. MacCabe (Shanghai) 3
E. Prince (Do.) 4
Time: 65 3/5 seconds.

TWO LENGTHS (Open to Army, Navy and Police).—G. N. Burch, R. G. A. 1
Cop. T. A. Burke (Buffs) 2
Time: 46 1/5 seconds.

There were five starters for this race. Burke led all the way, but at the finish Burch managed to win by a touch.

FOUR LENGTHS HANDICAP.—First and second in each heat to swim in final.

1ST HEAT:

P. M. Remedios (Scratch) 1
A. H. Carroll (Owes 4 Secs) 2

Time: 1 minute 42 seconds.

In this heat Buosi (receives 21 seconds) had a lead of about a length and some expected he would win. At the fourth length, however, the result was evident, and Remedios won easily.

2ND HEAT:

H. C. Sayer (Owes 6 seconds) 1
A. V. Barros (Owes 6 seconds) 2

Time: 1 minute 44 1/2 seconds.

Five started in this heat. Sayer overtook the quartette at the third length and was closely followed by Roza, with Barros coming up well. Close to the finishing point Sayer dashed ahead and won by a good margin. Barros got second by a touch from Roza. Barros lost some distance in dodging Roza, otherwise he might have captured first place.

HIGH DIVE.—INTERPORT CHAMPIONSHIP.—The following entered for this event:—A. Marsh (Buffs), C. Hartop, D. H. Cooke (Shanghai), T. L. Lexton, N. W. G. Goggins, G. Collins, R. G. A., A. R. Ellis, M. A. R. Souza, W. Coombes (H.M.S. Kent), F. B. Silva, C. A. W. Ferrier, C. W. Mayne (Shanghai), McCalister, R.G.A.

This event could not be decided by the judges to their satisfaction owing to the difference in the rules of diving as applicable to local men and the visitors. Some very good diving was seen. The award lies between M. A. R. Souza (Hongkong) and D. H. Cooke (Shanghai).

Two LENGTHS HANDICAP.—Open to Members over 30 years of age.

A. M. L. Soares ("Go") 1
A. A. Alves (Owes 6 seconds) 2

The limit man had the benefit of a comfortable lead, but just managed to win by the narrowest margin with a good second.

Two LENGTHS HANDICAP.—First in each heat to swim in the final.

1ST HEAT:

P. C. Fenwick; Dead Heat.

Fenwick and Roza swam excellently throughout, overtaking the limit man at the second length, but got in together in the good-time of 49 seconds.

2ND HEAT:

R. C. Silva (Recs. 10 Secs) 1
O. R. Chayut (Recs. 5 Secs) 2

Silva's handicap was too good and it was impossible for the others to catch him up. He won by about 5 yards. Time: 50 2/5 secs.

3RD HEAT:

R. C. Witchell (Scratches) 1
C. Bucci (Recs. 10 Secs) 2

Four started in this heat. Buosi, the limit man, had a good lead, which he made the most of; close to the finish, Witchell put on a grand sprint and just managed to win by a touch in the quick time of 48 seconds.

4TH HEAT:

J. M. R. Roza Pereira (Recs. 5 secs) 1
P. M. Remedios (Scratches) 2

Pereira took the lead from the start and won easily.

Time: 46 3/5 secs.

TEAM RACE—TWO LENGTHS.

P. M. Remedios (Capt.) A. R. Ellis, A. J. V. Ribeiro, F. L. da Rosa, P. C. Fenwick, R. Silva, C. Bucci and G. J. White.

2. H. C. Sayer (Capt.) A. S. Ellis, W. G. Goggins, M. A. R. Souza, F. J. Barrettto, H. W. Peterson, A. A. Alves, W. J. Carroll.

The winning team won easily.

HALF-MILE INTERPORT CHAMPIONSHIP.

R. W. MacCabe (Shanghai) 1
C. J. Cooke (Hongkong) 2
F. S. Rose (do) 3

Time: 16 minutes 21 secs.

Eleven competitors started in this event and both parties were well represented as follows:

Hongkong: C. J. Cooke, J. M. R. Roza Pereira, E. C. S. Rose, A. V. Barros, W. Dunk and P. Morris.

Shanghai: R. W. MacCabe, D. H. Cooke, G. W. Mayne, J. Robinson and P. Fowler.

Shanghai's nominations were their crack man (R. W. MacCabe) and G. J. Robinson, the others entering the water, apparently, because of the strong representation Hongkong put in.

The winning Captain never seriously attempted to contest the honours, swimming the breast stroke for the first length only and giving up the race when he reached the red tape.

From this stage onwards he was keenly watching and directing his men, evidently placing amply justified confidence in MacCabe to carry the blue ribbon for the Northerners.

All started off well, MacCabe, D. H. Cooke, and Pereira took the lead, with the rest all in a bunch behind. MacCabe, of Shanghai, kept on increasing his lead length by length.

In the third length many dropped behind and MacCabe was in front with Rose second and C. J. Cooke and Robinson together following.

He was the Rowing Club's champion (98 yards) in 67 1/5 secs; the 100 yards open

championship in 70 secs.; the 220 in 3 min. 61 1/5;

the long distance championship in the river and he also won the throwing of the polo ball, sending this ball sixty feet.

Eric Prince was second to MacCabe, the 100 yards open championship, his time being

71 2/5; won the nearest hander competition;

second in the lengths handicap from scratch,

credited with doing the distance (66 2/3 yards) in 37 4/5 seconds (Shanghai record) was a member of the winning flying squadron team.

J. Wilson was third in the open 100 yards

length Club handicap from two seconds

start in 21 seconds; was a member of the win-

ning flying squadron team.

G. W. O. Mayne was second to MacCabe

in the Rowing Club's championship (98

yards) two yards behind; and beatng G. J.

Robinson by a touch only; beaten by E. J.

Little, to whom he conceded at seconds

in heat of the 98 yards handicap, being third in

the final to R. W. Wells (22 secs.) and R. W.

Scott (12) in 1 min. 21 secs.; was second in the

Rowing Club's graceful diving at D. H. Cooke.

G. J. Robinson was third in the Rowing

Club's 98 yards championship; was beaten by R. W. Wells (22) and R. W. Scott (12) in the 98

yards handicap, he being scratch; was second to MacCabe in the 220 championship, being several yards behind.

D. H. Cooke was second to R. W. Scott in

the Rowing Club's long plunge, no distance

being given, and won the graceful diving at the

international's gala; did not compete at the

international's gala, though he was in a couple

of finals.

All the above men have participated in recent

polo matches.

The flying squadron team referred to was

that against the Rest of Shanghai, when Prince,

J. Wilson, Jones and Rosser won, covering the

266 yards in 3 min. 58 3/5 secs.

W. Jones won the 100 yards handicap at Internation Club's gala in 2 min. 58 3/5 secs.

was a member of the winning flying squadron

team.

E. N. Rosser won bobbing for corks, punt

fight and was in winning flying squadron team.

P. Fowler won breast stroke and long plunge

at International's gala, with 51 feet.

T. W. R. Wilson failed to win a prize at the

international's gala, though he was in a couple

of finals.

1ST HEAT.

J. M. R. Pereira 1
R. A. Carvalho 2

Time: 49 secs.

2ND HEAT.

R. C. Witchell 1
A. V. Barros 2

Time: 46 secs.

3RD HEAT.

F. L. Roza 1

Time: 50 4/5 secs.

The others did not finish.

4TH HEAT.

A. J. V. Ribeiro 1
A. H. Carroll 2

Time: 53 1/5 secs.

PLUNGING INTERPORT CHAMPIONSHIP.

F. M. R. Roza Pereira (57 ft.) 1

R. C. Witchell (57 ft. 4 in.) 2

P. Fowler (Shanghai) (55 ft.) 3

BOYS' RACE 2 Lengths Handicap (Open to boys under 15 years of age).

J. Cruz (Owes 13 secs.) 1

L. Souza (Owes 7 secs.) 2

Time: 52 1/5 secs.

TEAM RACE, Shanghai vs. Hongkong. 8 men a side. One length.

Hongkong won by about five yards.

Time: 50 4/5 secs.

THE SHANGHAI TEAM.

The team of swimmers selected to proceed to Hongkong and take part in the Victoria Recreation Club's annual three days' carnival on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, will leave to-day, catching the launch *Lotsa* at the Customs Jetty at 11.30 a.m., reports the *Shanghai Times* of 17th inst.

The team has been chosen to fill the tenth place, and its inclusion will strengthen the team. Not only will be available as goal-keeper in the water polo match, but he is a useful swimmer for the shorter distances. The team as it is now constituted is as follows:

P. Fowler (Captain), R. W. MacCabe, E. Prince, C. W. O. Mayne, J. Wilson, D. H. Cooke, G. J. Robinson, W. Jones, T. E. N. Reiser, and T. W. R. Wilson.

The second day's events will probably be altered, the 200 yards taking place on the last day and a Flying Squadron Race one length of eight men aside and a two length, breast stroke race, completing the programme for the second day.

Flying Squadron, One Length.—E. Prince, R. W. MacCabe, J. Wilson, T. E. N. Reiser, P. Fowler, D. H. Cooke.

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Dividends Payable.—Green Island Cements—Interim of 35 cents per share for account 1909 payable on the 25th inst. Highland and Lowlands.—Interim of 1/6 per share for a/c 1909.

Forward Settlements.

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India T.T. 1/31

Do. demand 1/31

Shanghai—Bank T.T. 7/42

Singapore—Bank T.T. per H.K. \$100 8/42

Japan—Bank T.T. 1/81

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TELEGRAMS from South Manchuria say that the outbreak of cholera at Chemulpo is spreading and that the disease has made its appearance at Seoul.

CHOLERA is spreading still further in Korea. It has now invaded the Pungsé compound at Seoul. Three members of the staff of the Kobe Post Office have contracted cholera.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

CABLE communication with Macao is interrupted.

A SERIES of regulations under the new Liquors Ordinance is published in the Government Gazette.

DELAY on traffic in telegrams exchanged with Shanghai and places north of Shanghai is again normal.

MR. W. REES DAVIES, K.C., Attorney General, returned by the German mail, from home leave, last Wednesday.

THE anti-Japanese boycott movement at Newchwang is in the ascendency, but it has been suppressed at Tsingling.

THE Empress Dowager has ordered the installation of electric lights and telephones in the Ch'angchun Palace.

FIFTEEN years were awarded, an Indian of the Criminal Sessions last Monday for committing an offence of gross indecency.

MR. P. BUTLER has joined the British North Borneo Government Service and will open up the new Government Rubber Estate.

VICEROY HU Liang of Mukden has issued a warning against any agitation by the newspapers in favour of a boycott of the Japanese.

THE yield for August of the Highlands and Lowlands Para Rubber Co., Ltd., was 26,761 lbs., making a total of 210,917 lbs. for the year.

CHANG YIN-LANG, the new Chinese Minister to America, leaves Peking in the middle of September. He goes to America on the P.M.S.

THE Ministry of War has made a proposition that anyone who is able to construct a man-of-war on a foreign model, should be awarded a rank of nobility.

CHINESE reports say that the Shanghai Taoisin has addressed the Senior Consul and opposed the project of holding the autumn regatta at Haikou, near Quinsuo.

His Majesty's Minister at Copenhagen has been notified by the Danish Foreign Minister that Hongkong trade marks are now accorded protection in Iceland under a Danish Royal Decree dated 3rd June, 1909.

BOTH the Walupu and the Yuchiappa, it is stated, have found by theiristicists that they should have a surplus of food and they have, therefore, requested that these funds may be applied for reform measures in their provinces.

THE Governor-General has appointed the governors of Kowloon Point and at West Point, in respect of one of the prisoners in the piracy case and he was accordingly discharged.

With regard to the other prisoner, the jury found him guilty of receiving goods and was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

THE Governor-General has personally addressed the Grand Council, saying that the slightest compunction would be China, and that orders should be given to the metropolitan and provincial high authorities to vindicateability and favouritism, and to punish rigorously any offence against the prohibition.

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THE Government is inviting tenders for the letting of the vacant plot of Crown land opposite the Central Market for three years from 1st November next. The area of the site is 23,520 square feet and the upset Crown rent \$500 per month.

We are informed by the Colonial Secretary that information has been received from the Colonial Secretary at Colombo to the effect that the notification declaring Hongkong an infected port under quarantine regulations has been removed.

Our congratulations are due to Mr. and Mrs. STOKER (D. O. Tapah) on the birth of twins, a boy and girl. This is the third case of twins born to Government officers in the F.M.S. during the last 15 months, says the *Perak Pioneer*.

MR. ETAKI, formerly Japanese Consul-General at Shanghai, who was recently recalled, has been appointed Consul-General at Chientien. Mr. MATSUOKE, Secretary of Legation at Peking, will take up the duties of Consul-General at Shanghai.

It has been arranged that the Franco-Japanese Trade-marks Convention, which applies to China only, shall be applicable outside China. Any violation that may have taken place prior to the new convention shall be rectified within a certain period.

THE N.C.D. News understands that a large firm in Japan has made a contract with the Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd., to buy 150,000 tons of the "Kaiping" coal. The shipments will be made from Chliawngtiao, the C.E. & M. Co.'s port.

With reference to the allegations made by Russian newspapers that the Chinese-Japanese convention is antagonistic to Russia, it is pointed out in Tokyo that the convention will not be antagonistic to any Power so long as that Power maintains a peaceful purpose.

A YOKOHAMA message says that while other steamers on the Chinese route have of late been returning almost empty of cargo owing to the extraordinary dullness of business, the O.S.S. K's new liner *Tsushima Maru*, which arrived at Yokohama last week after completing her first American trip, had 900 tons of cargo on board, of which 360 tons were for Australia.

CHOLERA is spreading still further in Korea. It has now invaded the Pungsé compound at Seoul. Three members of the staff of the Kobe Post Office have contracted cholera.

Forward Settlements.—The following dates have been fixed by the Stockbrokers' Association of Hongkong for Forward Settlements:

September Settlement 29th September.

October 20th October.

November 29th November.

December 29th December.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.

London—Bank T.T. 1/81

Do. demand 1/81

Do. 4 months' sight 1/9 1/16

France—Bank T.T. 1/81

America—Bank T.T. 1/42

Germany—Bank T.T. 1/72

India T.T. 1/31

Do. demand 1/31

Shanghai—Bank T.T. 7/42

Singapore—Bank T.T. per H.K. \$100 8/42

Japan—Bank T.T. 1/81

Bank T.T. 1/81

Buying.

4 months' sight L/C. 1/92

6 months' sight L/C. 1/94

30 days' sight San Francisco & New York 4/3

4 months' sight 1/94

30 days' sight Sydney & Melbourne 1/94

4 months' sight France 2/23

6 months' sight 2/23

4 months' sight Germany 1/81

Bar Silver 1/31

Bank of England rate 7/1

Sovereign 11/48

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. E. S. KADDOORIE & CO. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	Paid Up.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT *RESERVE.	LAST WORKING ACCOUNT	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT QUOTATION BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.							
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	\$125	\$125	\$1,500,000 \$1,100,000 \$250,000	\$2,000,819	{ Interim of £2 for account 1909 @ ex 1/91 = \$22.72	4 % { \$22 sales London: \$23
National Bank of China, Limited	99,725	\$7	\$6	\$1,400 \$30,000	\$10,553	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903	... \$26 buyers
Castrol Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$250	\$1,600,000 \$1,250,757 \$41,990 \$18,000	n/a	\$14 for 1907	7 1/2 % \$18 sellers
North China Maritime Company, Limited	10,000	\$15	\$15	\$1,500,000 \$1,070,747 \$18,000	Tls. 160,512	Interim of 7/6 for 1908	5 1/2 % Tls. 119
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	18,400	\$250	\$250	\$1,600,000 \$984,848 \$68,			

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J. R. M. SMITH,
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Hongkong, 21st August, 1909. [20]

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1909. [21]

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ABOUT MEK \$2,222,222
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ABOUT MEK \$2,222,222

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W. M. ANDERSON,
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Hongkong, 6th April, 1909. [22]

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J. L. VAN HOUTEN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 2nd July 1909. [23]

Banks

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TAKKO TAKAMICHI,

Manager.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1909. [24]

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1909. [25]

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A. KOHN,

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Hongkong, 4th December, 1909. [26]

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Hongkong, 15th August, 1909. [28]

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FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL ON REMARKS

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LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, NILE, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES About 6th Oct. Freight and Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, 24th September, 1909. [29]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE NOT advanced their price of Liquors

AND

WILL NOT do so until their existing stocks are

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FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL

NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP and BREMEN "DERPFINGER" SATURDAY, 25th Sept., 9 P.M.

MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE "PRINZ SIGISMUND" FRIDAY, 8th Oct., Daylight.

YOKOHAMA and KOBE "COLENZ" About SATURDAY, 16th Oct.

For further particulars, apply to

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,

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Hongkong, 25th September, 1909.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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TO and FROM JAPAN via SHANGHAI.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL ON
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MARSILLES, VIA PORTS POLYNESIAN Broc 28th Sept., 11 A.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, TOURANE Lancelin 1st Oct., P.M.
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Hongkong, 21st September, 1909.

Intimations.
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Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A, B, C, 4th and 5th Edt.

Liebers, Scotts, A. I., and Watkins.

Yokohama, April 28th, 1909.

ALLIED RUMBLING FROM SHIPPING CO.

ARREST OF A CHINESE.

A Chinese named Tung Tze-ping, aged 22, in the service of the Messageries Maritimes Company, of Kobe, working under the compradore, is reported to have absconded on the 10th instant, after embezzling over Y2,000 belonging to the office, says the *Japan Chronicle*. In company with his family, he made his way to Nagasaki. Information was lodged at the Kobe Police Station, and the Nagasaki police was immediately communicated with. A telegram was received by the Kobe police on the 12th instant reporting that the Chinese and his family had been arrested on landing at Nagasaki, and a detective was sent to Nagasaki to bring the prisoners to Kobe. It is stated that Tung was engaged by the M.M. Co. a year or two ago and had been working honestly, obtaining the confidence both of the compradore and of the manager. Late, however, he had been spending money in doubtful pleasures.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Director of the Hongkong Observatory:

On the 25th at 12.10 p.m. The barometer has risen slightly over N. China and W. Japan, and fallen elsewhere particularly in E. Japan. The depression is moving Eastwards over S.E. Japan.

Pressure is highest over N. China. Light or moderate variable winds may be expected over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.03 inches.

FORECAST.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood, Variable winds, light or moderate; showery.
2.—Formos Channel, N.E. winds, moderate.
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock, same as No. 1.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Haian, same as No. 1.

5.—A CONE point down-wards indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.

6.—A CONE point down-wards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.

7.—A BALL indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.

8.—A CONE point upwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

RED SIGNALS. Indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

BLACK SIGNALS. Indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. *Tamar*, Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon.

URGENT SIGNAL.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office.

THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS OF TEN SECONDS.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be exhibited from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S. *Tamar*.

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

III. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red, indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment.

No. III. Signal will be accompanied by the Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the information conveyed by this signal being first published by night.

These Night Signals will be substituted for the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNINGS.

For the benefit of Native Craft and passing Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited at each of the following stations during the time that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted in the Harbour:

Gap Rock, Aberdeen,
Waglass, San Kai Wan,
Stanley, Sai Kung,
Cape Collinson, Sha Tam Hol,
Tai Po.

This will indicate that there is a depression somewhere in the China Sea, and that a Storm Warning is hoisted in the Harbour.

Further details can always be given to Ocean Vessels, on demand, by signal, from the Flagstaffs.

G. PRICE, Director.

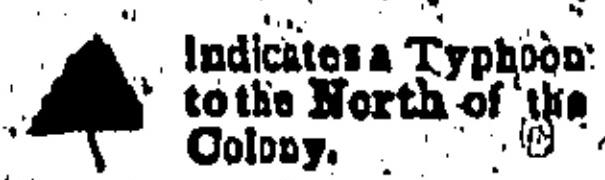
WEATHER FORECAST AND STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

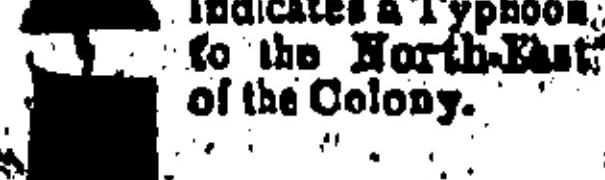
Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station at Tsui Sha, Tsui for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected here.

Signal

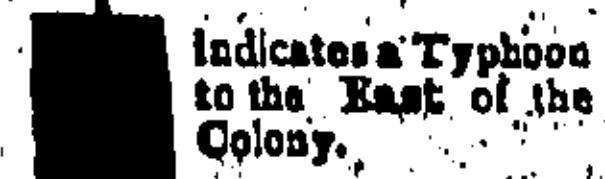
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 indicates a Typhoon to the North of the Colony.

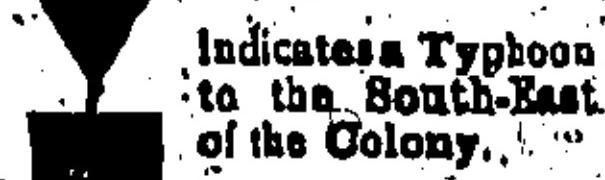
2. A CONE point upwards and DRUM below.


 indicates a Typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.

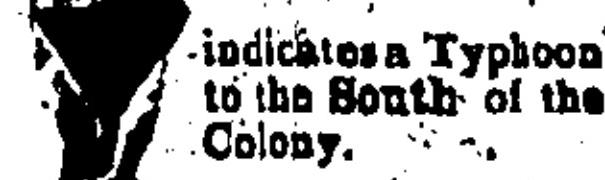
3. A DRUM


 indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.

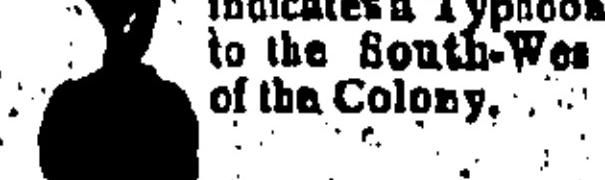
4. A CONE point down-wards and DRUM below.


 indicates a Typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.

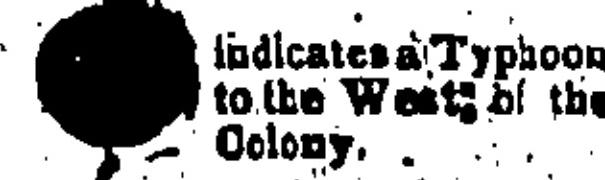
5. A CONE point down-wards


 indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.

6. A CONE point down-wards and BALL below.


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7. A BALL


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DAVID SASOON & CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1909. [158]

TO LET.

158, PRAYA EAST.

Apply to—

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1909. [671]

TOILET.

KING'S BUILDINGS, OFFICES facing the Harbour, from about October, at present, in occupation of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 3rd June, 1909. [463]

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Hongkong, 11th September, 1909. [188]

TO LET.

NO. 1 & 3, MORRISON HILL, also

OFFICES at No. 2 PEDDER STREET.

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Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1909. [408]

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No. 15, DES VEUR ROAD CENTRAL.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1909. [189]

TO LET.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1909. [190]

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Hongkong, 6th September, 1909.

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Intimations.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

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By Order, T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1909.

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 25th September, 1909.

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THE PORT OF CANTON

IMPORTANCE AS A DISTRIBUTING CENTRE.

As an introduction to his report on the Trade of Canton for the year 1908, Mr. Acting Consul-General Fox gives an interesting account of the city and port. He says:

Canton, the capital of Kwang-tung, the most southerly province in China, is situated on the north bank of the Pearl River, approximately at the apex of the vast network of waterways which form the Canton Delta. Its degree of latitude 23° 7' 10" brings it into line with Macau, Calcutta, and Havana, and although its climate is colder than those cities, manufacturers interested in the Canton market would do well to remember that the city and the country it supplies are, to all intents and purposes, in the tropics. Ice and snow are practically unknown in Canton; bananas and pineapples ripen in the open air and roses bloom all through the winter.

Canton is the natural distributing centre for the two provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, the former with an area of 100,000 square miles and a population of 37,865,000 being one of the largest and most densely populated provinces in China, the latter, with an area of 77,000 square miles and a population of only 5,100,000, the most thinly populated and least developed of all the eighteen provinces.

The main channel or rather estuary, of the Pearl River, connects Canton with Hongkong, 91 miles distant in a south-easterly direction and the Portuguese colony of Macao, some 80 miles almost due south of Canton. An intricate network of navigable creeks and canals connect Canton with the North, West and East Rivers, which with their tributaries irrigate the major portion of the two provinces.

It is remarkable that there is hardly one town or district of any importance from a commercial point of view within an area considerably larger than that of the British Isles, that cannot be reached by water from Canton. Goods are habitually transported on these waterways to points in the provinces of Yunnan, Kueichou, Kwangsi, Hunan and Kiangsi.

A fleet of commodious river steamers maintains a daily service between Canton and Hongkong; smaller steamers ply regularly to Macao and West River ports, such as Samsui, and Wuchow, while some 30 launches, the majority towing native passenger boats, keep up daily communication with almost every town and large village on the West, North and East Rivers and throughout the Canton Delta.

Railways in this part of China are still in their infancy, although for some years past the short line between Canton and Samsui, via Faishan, the Birmingham of South China, has been open to traffic and has, it may be remarked, paid handsomely. On the main line to Hankow trains are now running as far as mile 45, and the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, although no portion is yet open, is making steady progress. In conjunction with the Canton-Hankow Railway system, branch lines in various directions are projected by enthusiastic native capitalists.

Canton, after Peking the most famous of all the great cities of China, is contained within walls some 6 miles in circumference, and has extra-mural suburbs—which form the chief business quarters of the city—stretching nearly 5 miles along the river bank. Facing the city on the south side lies the residential suburb of Hopai, on the island of that name, and on the opposite side of the river is the village of Faif, whose flower gardens, where Chinese horticulturists vie with one another in producing fir and oak and banyan trees not more than 12 inches in height, have a world-wide reputation. Here also some of the foreign missions have established themselves, and lower down the river, which is here known as the Back Reach, the various kerosene oil companies have erected tanks and wharves.

West of Honam and immediately adjacent to the south-western suburb of Canton lies the foreign settlement of Shamien, a small island not more than 1/4 miles in circumference, which Western enterprise, mainly British and French, has converted from an erstwhile barren mud flat into a miniature township, with rows of substantial residential and business buildings, intersected by shady avenues and public gardens and recreation grounds. The island is leased to the British and French Government in perpetuity, two-thirds of the area being under British and one-third under French control.

The number of foreign residents, which until ten years ago remained stationary at between 300 and 350, had increased in 1905 to 1,200, and is now (April, 1909) close on 1,350. The total foreign population of Canton is probably over 1,500. But few lots on either concession now remain unbuilt on, and the value of land and house property has risen to such an extent that a lot on the British concession measuring 12,645 square feet, which changed hands in 1905 for some \$4,000, was recently sold by public auction for \$17,800 (\$3,150). This works out to \$21.745 per Chinese mou (one acre equals 6.6 mou) or \$7.98, say 52, per square foot.

It is dangerous to prophesy in the East, but everything seems to point to Shamien becoming more and more the business centre of Canton. The settlement is most conveniently situated at the front door, as it were, of the business quarter of the city, it is easily accessible to Chinese merchants and dealers, who have a natural aversion to crossing the water, and its extra-territorial status and immunity from Chinese official control are strong inducements to the merchant class to conduct their business transactions on the concessions.

Shamien has, moreover, the great advantage of a water frontage measuring some 200 or 300 yards, facing that section of the harbour reserved for the anchorage of ocean steamers, and the river steamer wharves commence on the other side of the narrow defence creek at the east end of the French concession. The new Chinese Bund, or embankment, now in course of construction, will in time connect Shamien, by a broad road suited to vehicular traffic, with the terminal

stations of the Canton-Hankow and Canton-Kowloon Railways at Wong Sha and Tai Sha Tan. Ocean steamers drawing as much as 17 feet can come up with the tide and anchor in deep water off Shamien; river steamers, drawing not more than 9 1/2 feet moor alongside the wharves at any state of the tide.

The city of Canton—to which a distinguished traveller not long ago applied the name of "Nightmare City," such was the impression that its labyrinth of dark and narrow streets, the weird and often repulsive display of animal and vegetable food-stuffs, and its hurrying chattering stream of yellow humanity made upon him—is now well within the beaten track of tourists, and therefore needs no detailed description in this place. The city, with its 1,350,000 inhabitants, at a moderate estimate, is one of the largest and probably the wealthiest of the great cities of China.

Its people, famous for their enterprise and business capacity, have spread all over the Empire, and are to be found playing a leading part in all the Chinese communities of America, Australia and the Malay Peninsula. They have placed themselves in the van of the movement towards reform and constitutional government.

In Canton may be seen more markedly than in any other Chinese city at the present day the visible effects of China's awakening in the shape of patriotic societies, whose leaders discuss the questions of the day, more particularly those relating to foreign affairs, at public meetings; a young and irresponsible press, which is rapidly acquiring many of the worst features of "yellow journalism"; and that unreasoning dislike and suspicion of foreign nations, which find expression in the boycott.

As regards the last-named institution, matters have now come to such a pass that any attempt on the part of a foreign firm in Canton to press home a claim, however just, against a native merchant, is met by the threat of a boycott. In a recent flagrant case of the imitation of a trade mark on certain underclothing of British manufacture, the Chinese magistrate excused his refusal to record a conviction and impose an exemplary fine on the score that if he did so the firm importing the goods would lose all their business in Canton.

If the description applied to Canton in an old Commercial Directory of the year 1842, "one of the greatest emporiums in the East, ranking as a port of trade either before or immediately after Calcutta" no longer holds good, Canton, the oldest Treaty port in China, ranks amongst the four largest ports in China, taking the whole value of the steamer-borne trade, Canton in 1907 took third place, after Hankow and Shanghai, and, as regards direct trade with foreign countries, Canton was second to Shanghai.

The expansion in the trade of the port, which has been especially noticeable during the past six years, should receive a strong impetus with the advent of the two main lines to Hankow and Hongkong, while the advantages it possesses in good and cheap labour, facilities for transport, and coal mines within easy reach, assure Canton's future as a great manufacturing centre.

I think I have said enough in the foregoing sketch, necessarily brief and imperfect, to demonstrate to British merchants and manufacturers that Canton is a market worthy of their particular attention.

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five cents (for cash only).**DEATHS.**Craig.—On the 25th September, Bessie, the
dearly beloved wife of R. H. A. Craig, Prison
Department, Hongkong.Fallido, 20 de Setembro, em Shanghai,
Filomena Gomes da Costa.—Sua filhos e sua
esposa participam a seus parentes e amigos e
pedem para a falecida preces para o seu eterno
descanso.THE local agent of the Chinese Engineering
and Mining Company, Limited, kindly informs
that the total output of the Company's three
mines for the week ending 11th September
amounted to 26,552.51 tons and the sales during
the period to 47,193.40 tons.His Majesty the King has not been advised to
exercise his power of disallowance with respect to
Ordinance No. 15 of 1909, entitled an Ordinance
to transfer to certain Officers of the Public Service
certain duties at present performed by other Officers.It is notified in the Gazette that O Flag yellow
and red diagonal yellow to the mast shall in
future be the Call Flag of a Protective Officer
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and decided to make an increased effort to
secure additional patrons at the ball. Now,
if Scotsmen were as mean as some people
say, they are, the St. Andrew's Society would
have reduced the quantity of liquor allowed
for absorption, and so frustrated the intentions
of the Government to make an honest
penny, but apparently there was no such
suggestion. It never occurred to anybody
to propose such a ridiculous thing. They
might as well do without the haggis as curtail
the concomitants. And, again, look at the
beauty of the idea which was applauded at
the Society's meeting—far from reducing the
quantity to be consumed it is hoped that the
consumption will be greater than ever. It
is a simple matter of arithmetic. If 1500
thirsty Scots assisted valiantly by their
friends and nodding acquaintances can make
away with some dozens of mountain dew,
how many extra dozens will soon cause to
disappear? Really the Scotsmen are the back
bone of the Colony; patriotic, they seek to
combine pleasure to themselves with profit to
the Government. We can see the gallant
Chief and his army of willing retainers marching
gaily arm-in-arm to the land called
"Auchtermucht," proud in the knowledge
that they are enriching the state, and benefiting
the poor. Why, if it were not for St.
Andrew's Ball half a dozen trades in Hong-
kong would be obliged to shut up shop, and
another half dozen would eke out a miserable
existence fighting the wolf at the door.
What we cannot understand is the secretary's
remark that there is only a limited supply of
Scotch "musical talent." We have got the
slightest conception where he got this
idea from, but we are perfectly certain
that, under varying conditions, there is
not a "cotswold" in the Colony—who would
not be ready, even anxious, to let his voice be
heard in that soul-stirring symphony—"I lo'e a lassie," and if
the bred and born Scots held back through
an excess of modesty which they absorbed
with their porridge and treacle, then we guarantee to find a score of Chinese
Scotsmen—men of the Mac clan—who would
step forward and fill the gap. The fact is
that when the secretary hinted that a dinner
or a concert was out of the question his mind
was steadily fixed on the Government revenue
which must be augmented at all hazards.
Probably not half a dozen Scotsmen know how to piroquette in the graceful
convolutions of the latest dance. The most
they can do is to make wild and weird noises
while doing the figure eight and show a leg
in the schottische, so that when these items
have been passed they are obliged to take
refuge in the sanctuary of "Auchtermucht."
There was also another reason why the
Society decided on having a ball to celebrate
the day and it was the demands of the
female portion of the Colony. At present
there is only one public ball held in Hongkong, that given by the members of St.
Andrew's Society. The English residents do not seem to think it worth while to celebrate
St. George's Day while the Irish are equally
inconsiderate of the claims of St. Patrick.
What the pleasure-loving section of the
community would do without the Scots we
cannot imagine. There is only one feature
about the celebration which is regrettable
and that is the fact that St. Andrew's Day
falls on a Tuesday. We should have thought
that almanac and calendar compilers had
learned sense by this time and arranged that
St. Andrew's Day should always arrive on a
Friday, which gives two clear days for recuperation.
It is manifestly impossible that
the whole week following Tuesday, 30th
November, should be declared a public holiday,
although if those who attend the ball
do their duty it would not be out of place,
so that we fear December will be ushered in
by a very listless and weary crowd
of alleged workers. With regard to the
Charity Fund, it is satisfactory to learn that
\$1,358 was distributed towards the relief of
widows and orphans, but that sum should
not greatly affect the total amount at the
credit of the Society. If we remember rightly,
the Society has a credit balance of between
\$10,000 and \$1,500, so that it could afford
to be generous if it chose. As a matter of
fact we hardly know what the Society does
spend its money on. The members pay \$2
each per annum and for that they have the
privilege of attending one meeting every
year. As things are going the Society should
in the course of a year or two be one of the
richest corporations in the Far East.

MACAO'S RETIRING GOVERNOR.**H.E. SENIOR ROCADAS IN HONGKONG.**

The retiring Governor of Macao, H.E. Lieut.-Col. Senhor Rocadas, and family, arrived in Hongkong last evening from Macao by the gunboat *Patria en route* for Angola, Portuguese Africa, of which place His Excellency has been appointed Governor-General. During their stay here Senhor Rocadas and party are the guests of Capt. Almeida on board the Portuguese cruiser *Vasco da Gama*.

At an early hour in the forenoon to-day Governor Rocadas accompanied by his A.D.C., the Portuguese Consul, Mr. J. J. Leiria, at his residence, that gentelman being still confined to his room after his recent unfortunate accident. Later the Portuguese Commissioner paid a complimentary visit to H. E. Kao Erh Ca'ien, the Chinese Delimitation Commissioner, after which His Excellency proceeded to call on H. E. General Sir Joachim Machado, the Portuguese Commissioner. We believe that, in the afternoon, a visit was paid to Sir Frederick Lugard at Mountain Lodge, Mr. T. Fuzatsu, Consul for Japan in Hongkong, was one of the visitors to the Portuguese cruiser this afternoon to present his compliments to Senhor Rocadas. The Portuguese Governor embarks on board the German mail this evening *en route* for his new post. Had His Excellency's departure not taken place to-day, he would have attended an informal luncheon at Mountain Lodge tomorrow at the guest of the Governor of Hongkong.

MR. HO KOM TONG'S RESIGNATION.**RESOLVED TO RETIRE FROM THE SANITARY BOARD.**

It may be recalled that about a fortnight ago Mr. Ho Kom Tong, who has done invaluable work in connection with the sanitation of the Colony, felt compelled to resign his seat on the Sanitary Board owing to the pressure of business and unsatisfactory health. Recognising his influence with and reputation among the Chinese community in Hongkong, His Excellency the Governor invited Mr. Ho Kom Tong to reconsider his decision, but after giving the matter every consideration Mr. Ho Kom Tong has replied to the effect that he feels bound to adhere to his resignation. During his career at the Sanitary Board he has taken a prominent part in enlightening the Chinese as to the benefits of sanitation and the principles of hygiene, having been one of those who instituted the system of street lectures which have proved of great value by inducing the ignorant coolies to take a more intelligent interest in the operations conducted by the offices of the Sanitary Department. In other ways he has manifested his progressive spirit in the affairs of the Colony, particularly where the interests of the Chinese have been concerned. Although the retirement of Mr. Ho Kom Tong from the Sanitary Board will be a loss to the Colony, his services will still be at the call of the Government should occasion arise and we may be certain that the Government will not be slow to avail itself of the advice and assistance of one who has proved a sound friend of the Colony.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE German mail of the 26th August was delivered in London on the 24th inst.

MR. D. W. Tratman will act as second assistant Registrar General with effect from the 1st instant.

Mr. Edwin Ralphs has been appointed second second master, Queen's College, with effect from the 21st inst.

Mr. Chiu Chi Sheung has been appointed a public vaccinator within the Colony and the New Territories.

MISS Koda Nobuko, a well-known violinist, has sent her resignation as instructor in the Imperial Academy of Music in Tokyo.

NEGOTIATIONS will shortly be opened at Harbin between representatives of Russia and China concerning the details of railway jurisdiction along the Chinese Eastern railway.

THE Anti-Opium Commissioners propose to send delegates to Mongolia to ascertain the condition of the prohibition of poppy plantations and whether the suppression has been in effect throughout carried out.

THE Chinese merchants at Antung are considering the question of a boycott against the Japanese. A native paper at Klin and one at Newchow, which were agitating in favour of a boycott, have been ordered to suspend publication.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased, with the approval of the Secretary of State for Colonies, to appoint Mr. C. A. Dick Melbourne, barrister-at-law, to be deputy registrar and appraiser of the Supreme Court, with effect from this date.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct that the Harbour Master shall for the time being cease to perform *ex officio* the duties of Superintendent of Imports and Exports under the Raw Opium Ordinance, No. 9 of 1877, Sugar Confection Ordinance, No. 14 of 1904, and the Liquors Ordinance No. 27 of 1909, and to appoint Lieut. C. W. M. Beckwith R.N., to discharge those duties until further notice with effect from the 15th inst.

HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING, WEAVING AND DYEING COMPANY, LIMITED.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Co., Ltd., was held at the office of the general manager, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in the forenoon, to-day, for the purpose of receiving the report of the directors, and statement of accounts to June 30th, 1909. Mr. G. C. Moxon occupied the chair. Those present were:—Mr. E. H. Hinds (director), Mr. Harry Eye (manager), Messrs. J. M. Wong, H. Percy Smith, and E. Mauricio.

The Manager read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen—I will with your permission follow the usual custom and take the report and accounts now before you as read. The balance of profit at credit of working account is as you will see \$8,251.50 against \$2,021.64 last year which I think, in view of the depressed state of business and the huge rent we now have to pay, may be considered fairly satisfactory. Your board would have greatly liked to recommend a dividend but after much consideration they have decided it was not to do so, having in mind the possibility of new competition, the general dullness that seems to have become chronic and the desirability of keeping down the indebtedness to the company's bankers. It is therefore recommended that \$300.80 should be written off furniture and fixtures, and to carry the balance forward: I would here point out that nothing has been written off since 1905, and as a large portion of our present fittings may not be suitable for new premises we consider this a favourable opportunity to make provision for same. A revival in the trade of the Colony has been looked for this year, but I regret to say that in common with other local businesses of our character hopes have not materialised. However, shareholders have this satisfaction; they have a clear stock and up-to-date, all book debts as appearing in the account are good and there is still a balance of old stock left valued at \$1,500, which will be gradually realised. So far as working expenses are concerned I am of the opinion that they have been reduced to the minimum compatible with efficiency and no stock is left unturned to keep up sales. Our chief trouble is that we are saddled with an old lease which compels us to pay rent out of proportion to our turnover and is a severe handicap. This will cease about eighteen months hence and the question of a saying in this direction is having the very earliest consideration of your board. We undoubtedly get our full share of such business as is going, and in view of the present sound condition of the company I see no reason why we should not prosper and go long in despite of the unfortunate occurrences; there would have been a moderate profit on the working of the steamers instead of a loss as shown in the accounts. This, and an increase of over 10% in the price of coal has affected the net earnings of the company's steamers, to a considerable extent, and I regret that at present there are no signs of a possibility of lower prices for fuel in the near future. Turning to the accounts, though there is perhaps but little that needs explanation, I would draw your attention to the item under Exchange Account on the debit side, which shows a very large increase, on previous years and is entirely due to the adverse state of Coast exchange and to the high rate of discount at which our earnings at the Coast Ports have had to be remitted. I trust that the proposal of the General Managers and Consulting Committee as to the appropriation of the profit and the transfer of \$16,050.33 from Reserve or Depreciation Account towards the writing down of the values of the company's properties will meet with your approval, for though the steamers are maintained in a state of high efficiency it is most necessary that a sum should be put aside each year for depreciation. The new steamer *Hai-Yang* arrived in October last and has proved excellently adapted for our trade and economical in working. We have endeavoured to dispose of the *Hai-Yang* during the year and though there have been several enquiries no actual offer has yet been made. The result of the present year's working, so far, shows moderate results, and while we hope to make some slight economies in working, until the trade of China recovers from the over supply of a year or two ago, and confidence generally is restored it is difficult to forecast any great improvement in the outlook for shipping to the East. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions that you may wish to ask to the best of my ability.

There were no questions.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Wong seconded.

Messrs. E. H. Hinds and G. C. Moxon, the retiring directors, were re-elected on the motion of Mr. Wong seconded by Mr. Mauricio.

Mr. Hinds proposed that Mr. H. Percy Smith be re-elected auditor.

Mr. Eye seconded.

The Chairman—*I am sorry, gentlemen, there is no dividend warrant.* Thank you for your attendance.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report was as follows:—

To the shareholders of William Powell, Limited.

The directors beg to submit to shareholders a statement of the company's account for the year ending 30th June, 1909.

The profit for the year, including the sum of \$3,05 brought forward from last account and after allowing for bad and doubtful debts, amounts to \$5,372.89 and your directors recommend that this amount should be absorbed by writing off fixtures and fittings \$2,500.86 and carrying forward the balance, \$2,820.03.

It will be noted that, of the stock which was written off when the capital was reduced, there is on hand an amount estimated to be worth \$1,500.00.

Agreed.

On the motion of Mr. Wong seconded by Mr. H. Percy Smith, the retiring directors, were re-elected auditors.

Mr. H. Percy Smith was re-elected auditor.

Carried.

The Chairman—*I am sorry, gentlemen, there is no dividend warrant.* Thank you for your attendance.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report was as follows:—

To the shareholders of William Powell, Limited.

The directors beg to submit to shareholders a statement of the company's account for the year ending 30th June, 1909.

The profit for the year, including the sum of \$3,05 brought forward from last account and after allowing for bad and doubtful debts, amounts to \$5,372.89 and your directors recommend that this amount should be absorbed by writing off fixtures and fittings \$2,500.86 and carrying forward the balance, \$2,820.03.

It will be noted that, of the stock which was written off when the capital was reduced, there is on hand an amount estimated to be worth \$1,500.00.

No questions were asked.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. T. F. Hough, seconded.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Hough moved that the Consulting Committee be re-elected as follows: Mr. J. W. Bonnar, Hon. Mr. W. J. Gimson and Mr. R. Shaw.

Mr. Chiu Tong seconded.

Agreed.

On the motion of Mr. Depree seconded by the Chairman Messrs. W. A. Potts and A. R. Lowe were re-appointed auditors.

The Chairman—That concludes the business of the meeting, gentlemen. I am sorry we haven't a better report but I hope that next year we will be able to show something better. Many things may happen between now and next year.

We learn from the *Japan Gazette* that Captain T. Tibals, of the N.Y.K. steamer *Ryōfū-maru*, was during the past week had two paralytic strokes. The first—a rather slight stroke—

Telegrams.

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH
SERVICE.

CHANG CHIH-TUNG.
DETERMINES TO RESIGN.

(By courtesy of the "Sheng Po".)

Peking, 24th September.
Grand Councillor Chang Chih-tung is determined to resign upon the expiration of his leave of absence.

CHIENIAO.

RETIREMENT OF JAPANESE
OFFICIALS.

(By courtesy of the "Sheng Po".)

Peking, 24th September.
The Japanese officials will retire from Chientao in the course of this month.

The Japanese Consul there will also leave in due course.

NAVAL COMMISSIONERS.

DEPARTURE FROM HANKOW.

(By courtesy of the "Sheng Po".)

Hankow, 24th September.
Prince Shun and Admiral Sah are leaving Hankow by train for Peking to-day.

LOSS OF "MAORI KING".

THE END OF AN ILL-FATED SHIP.

20th September.
Early yesterday morning a telegram was received from Ningpo, signed by the captain of the *"Maori King"*, stating that the steamer was badly ashore at an island called Long Wha-sho, in the Chusan group, that she had big hole forward and was sitting for the immediate dispatches of a boatload of tugs and lighters to render assistance, reported the *N.C.D. News* of 20th inst. The Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co.'s tugs *Santa* and *Victoria*, with four lighters and pumps supplied by the Kiangnan Dock, left for the scene at a few hours' notice. Up to a late hour last night no further information had been received concerning the stranded vessel.

At the time of the mishap the *Maori King* was chartered to the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., and was bound from Chuan-piau to Hongkong with a full cargo of coal. Both vessel and cargo, of course, insured. The Ningpo message leaves little doubt that she is in an exceedingly precarious condition and the possibility of rescuing her is regarded as extremely doubtful. Few vessels have had such an extraordinary career, or earned such unenviable notoriety, as the *Maori King*. She was built at Sunderland in 1890 and her gross tonnage is 3,807. In the Esperance, in 1904, she accompanied the Baltic Fleet on its Eastward journey. Her seizure by the British authorities and the sensational proceedings that followed in the H.H. Supreme Court, are matters of such recent history that it is unnecessary to refer to them at any length.

21st September.

Further particulars to hand with regard to the *Maori King*, which ran ashore on the 27th instant on Loughkebo Island, Chusan Group, are to the effect that the vessel has broken in two, and that the after portion has sunk in thirteen fathoms of water, while the forward part rests on the rocks and it is possible that part of her cargo may be salvaged, though only her masts and funnel are visible above water. The tenders *Victoria* and *Somerset* were dispatched to the scene of the wreck on Sunday, with salvage gear supplied by the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd., consisting of a boiler and two pumps. The salvage crew included the usual native officers and European superintendents.

No lives were lost as a result of the accident, and Captain Stringer and the officers and crew arrived in Shanghai yesterday morning by the C.N.S. *Yingchow*. When the accident occurred, the *Maori King* was on a voyage from Chuan-piau to Hongkong with a cargo of coal. When passing through the Chusan Group on the 17th instant, the death occurred of one of the Chinese crew, and as the other members of the crew objected to the body being buried at sea, the vessel put into Longwhasho and anchored there land side. As the ship was putting out again, she struck a submerged rock, which tore a large hole in her forward hold and she immediately began to sink. The officers and crew secured junks and proceeded to Ningpo, reaching their destination without further mishap.

It will be remembered that the exclusive information was given in these columns of a liberal contribution offered to Prince Shun on his recent visit to Hongkong towards the China Naval Fund. Our serious Shanghai contemporary has the following paragraph thereto:- A Canton dispatch says that Mr. Chang Yü-nan, a wealthy Chinese merchant in the Straits, contributed the sum of Tls. 20,000 for the Navy Fund, when Prince Tsai Hsin was at Hongkong. Mr. Chang has given large contributions before this, and has been awarded the rank of Expectant Director of a Metropolitans Court and a button of the 1st Grade for his liberal patriotism. The Prince was pleased with his donation and granted Director Chang and his son an interview, at which he expressed appreciation of his liberality. The compradores of a foreign firm is also reported to have made a donation towards the Navy Fund.

Interport Swimming.

SECOND DAY'S FETE.

MACADE'S FINE EXHIBITION.

Officials: President: His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O. Chairman: Mr. A. Rodger. Hoo, Treasurer: Mr. C. D. Silas, Hon. Secretary: Mr. P. Lammert. Judges: Messrs. M. McIver, J. Rodger, H. B. Bridger, A. N. Kems and L. E. Lammert. Referee: Mr. G. A. Caldwell. Starter: Mr. T. Mr. K. Handicappers: Messrs. T. Meek, A. A. Claxton, A. E. S. Alves, A. H. Carroll and H. C. Saver. Official Time-keepers: Messrs. R. Galluzzi and W. A. Crake.

Weather conditions attending the second day's fete of the Victoria Recreation Club's annual aquatic sports were very similar to those prevailing on Thursday. A light screen of cloud tempered the heat of the first day and with the light breeze blowing, the large concourse of spectators, watched the interesting proceedings with greater comfort. The provision of a gallery on the lighter in substitution for the chairs on the first day manifested the officials' thoughtfulness for the comfort of the spectators. In that, as in other respects, the gentlemen who officiated and are responsible for the interesting success deserve the fullest praise, as also does Mr. C. Lebirel, the Steward, who had charge of the effective decoration of the pretty Club building.

Just before the first event the attendance was comparatively small, due, no doubt, to the people being kept at their offices, but soon after 4.30 p.m. the Club-house verandah had their full complement of visitors while every tier of the gallery on the sea-wall and aboard the lighter was packed with quite a large number of people. The waterfront held a double throw of "all sorts and conditions of men," the boys and others secured vantage points on the bamboo pier.

Interest, of course, throughout the afternoon's proceedings centred in the interport events, the first two of which—plunging and team race—went to the home men. As regards the first item a suggestion arose, that the time limit to remain in the water should be fixed at sixty seconds instead of an indefinite period. But the supporters of the rule failed to press home their contention with success and the time-limit standard, accordingly, failed of application.

R. W. MacCabe, the redoubtable Shanghai champion, referred to as the "Northern" champion, was the first to make his appearance. He was the first to swim the 400 yards race, the palm over any of the Hongkongers. We were glad to observe the unostentatious and spontaneous reception accorded him at the conclusion of the 400 yards race, as the chear and the "tiger" which followed, as MacCabe was escorted into the enclosure, were the loudest manifestation of the sportsmanlike spirit which animates the hosts of the occasion even on a defeat. Thanks to the traditional instinct of true sports that the Hongkong "boys" are the subdued talk of a protest in the last interport event of the day was not persisted in, and the honour of the day went to our visitors.

Below we append details of the event:—

BURBLE RACE.—Two lengths. 4 hurdles. 1st heat.—A. M. Soares, R. A. Carvalho, J. M. R. Pereira and R. Lapley went in. Lapley was the most fancied man, but about a quarter's distance from the finish he went over the rope and so lost his chance of a win. Pereira won by nearly a hurdle. Carvalho was second.

Time: 49 secs.

2nd heat.—F. Yvanovich, A. V. Barros and R. C. Witchell (scratch) tried conclusions in this heat. Witchell overtook Yvanovich in the second hurdle and on the return led from Barros and won as he liked. Barros was second.

3rd heat.—F. L. Roza won easily, the other three—H. W. Peterapp, C. Bunje and G. C. Sayer—did not finish when they saw that the struggle was a hurdle.

Carvalho was leading with Humphreys (Hongkong) second; C. J. Cooke (Hongkong) third, the rest of the competitors in line together. Just before rounding the buoy Witchell, Mayne and Cooke (Shanghai), gave up.

The order rounding the buoy was Humphreys, MacCabe, and C. J. Cooke.

The course was between a launch moored against the praya wall eastward of Murray Pier and a red buoy well out of the slipway. The start was made from the launch the swimmers plunging in level with one another. When the spectators' lighter was reached midway between the launch and the buoy MacCabe (Shanghai) was leading, with Humphreys (Hongkong) second; C. J. Cooke (Hongkong) third, the rest of the competitors in line together. Just before rounding the buoy Witchell overtook Yvanovich in the second hurdle and on the return led from Barros and won as he liked. Barros was second.

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4th heat.—This provided the most exciting contest between A. H. Carvalho, A. J. V. Ribeiro, A. Rodrigues and F. B. Silva. Silyk, who was given an advantage at the start, led all the way until quarter of a length from the finish when he was successfully overtaken by Ribeiro and Carvalho. The last two fought for honours with each stroke, and it went rough with Carvalho when his arm went over his head to come down just a moment too late. The competitors were well applauded. Time: 53 1/5 secs.

PLUNGING.—Interport Championship. Two trials each.

F. K. Tata, F. B. Silva, F. M. Roza, Pereira, M. L. Soares, Carl Bunje and R. C. Witchell were the Hongkong contestants. The visitors were represented by P. Fowler, E. Prince and D. H. Cooke. Before this event was brought out there was some talk of limiting the time in the water to 6 seconds each man, but as there was a divergence of opinions on the proposed rule (which has been adopted by certain home associations and rejected by others) the suggestion was not pressed. Pereira led with 54 seconds after the first dive; the distance covered by the other two best men were:—Witchell 54 ft., and Fowler 52 ft.

The Shanghai Captain improved at the second try, out-distancing his first performance by 3 ft., but the Hongkongers were not to be displaced, Pereira holding the lead with 57 ft. 6 in. followed by Witchell with 57 ft. 2 in. Nothing eventuated after the third try and the result was chalked up as follows:—

F. M. Roza Pereira (57 ft. 6 in.) ... 1

R. C. Witchell (57 ft. 2 in.) 2

P. Fowler (55 ft.) 3

BOYS' RACE.—(under 15 years of age). Two lengths handicap. Post entries. Sons or brothers of members only admitted. Two trials each.

The competitors were:—C. Logan, L. Souza, F. Cruz, A. Logan, C. Peper, F. Fisley and T. Logan. Little C. Logan (the "Go" boy) created much admiration for his pluck and boldness near Quaqua.

dash by entering against boys infinitely his superior in stature and build. The little man swam splendidly to the end and was not at all a bad third. F. Logan (the scratch boy) was too heavily penalized and never had a chance. The struggle between Cruz and Souza in the last quarter was a keen one, resulting in a win for the former.

F. Cruz (rec. 13 sec.) 1

L. Souza (rec. 7 sec.) 2

Time: 50 2/5 secs.

TEAM RACE.—Shanghai v. Hongkong, 8 men a side. One length.

The respective teams took their position as follows:

Lower Platform,—Shanghai: MacCabe, Robinson, J. Wilson and T. W. Wilson, Hongkong: Cooke, Remedios, Lapley, and A. E. S. Alves.

Outer Platform,—Shanghai: MacCabe, Robinson, J. Wilson and T. W. Wilson, Hongkong: Cooke, Remedios, Lapley, and A. E. S. Alves.

The home team, with their larger number, of fast swimmers for short distances, were never threatened and when C. Humphreys plunged in for the last length he took it with an ease born of an assurance of positive success. The winning team's (Hongkong) time was a good one: 2m. 35 1/5 secs.

FOUR LENGTHS HANDICAP. Final.

S. H. C. Sayer, P. M. Remedios and A. V. Barros got off well together and kept well abreast of one another for nearly the whole of the first length. In the second length Sayer proved his advantage of a slight lead with Remedios just behind him and Barros third. The same order was maintained throughout the third length. When half the distance in the fourth and last length had been covered Remedios drew level with Sayer, and for the rest of the distance they had a close swim between them, Remedios managing to secure the judge's verdict by only a touch. Time: 1m. 40 3/5 secs.

THROWING THE POLO BALL. Interport Championship. Three Trials.

Those competing in this event were:—(Hongkong) F. K. Tata, T. Cloke ("Buff"), A. A. Alves, T. A. Burke ("Buff"), R. Morris, R. E. C. Witchell.

(Shanghai) R. W. MacCabe, C. W. O. Mayne, and P. Fowler.

MacCabe made the best throw in the first trial. T. Cloke improved on him at the second throw and before MacCabe had his own try, which proved better than his first. Witchell made an excellent shot in his last try, sending the ball within fourteen inches of the visitor's mark.

R. W. MacCabe (6 ft. 4 in.) 1

R. C. Witchell (6 ft. 2 in.) 2

440 YARDS.—Interport Championship. Two trials.

Hongkong was thoroughly represented by the Colony's best swimmers: Vis. C. J. Cooke, R. C. Witchell, F. C. S. Rose, C. Humphreys, A. Claxton, and A. V. Barros.

The Shanghai entrants were:—R. W. MacCabe, C. W. O. Mayne, G. J. Robinson, and W. Jones.

The course was between a launch moored against the praya wall eastward of Murray Pier and a red buoy well out of the slipway. The start was made from the launch the swimmers plunging in level with one another. When the spectators' lighter was reached midway between the launch and the buoy MacCabe (Shanghai) was leading, with Humphreys (Hongkong) second; C. J. Cooke (Hongkong) third, the rest of the competitors in line together.

One may well think with horror of the hundred little inconveniences which will be experienced if the powers conferred on over-zealous minions of the law were to be carried out to the letter.

One may then readily be assured that "none of those huge trucks of luggage which are man-hauled up to the doors of our leading hotels in the travelling season would be safe from the danger of being arrested by any Indian constable or Chinese lungkon whose suspicions might fasten on the saratoga trunk of some American globetrotter, probably an elderly total abstainer from a prohibition state!"

WHAT IS A PRISON?

Is the court-yard of a prison a fitting place for a magistrate to preside? The question is replete with technicalities which to the layman's mind seem too terrible for solution, but our learned Chief Justice with his usual capacity for the unravelling of complex points has already solved the conundrum. As most of my readers are doubtless aware, the facts of the *caveat* are very simple. A Chinaman was arrested on June 10th of A.D. 1909 on charges of armed robbery and murder in China and subsequently discharged on the latter charge. The Court, however, which sat within the precincts of the gaol, ordered the re-arrest of the犯人 (offender) before his release. As a result of an application for a writ of habeas corpus, the Chief Justice held that the proceedings were not legal and accordingly discharged the prisoner. At the eleventh hour, further argument as to the magistrate's action was brought before the Chief Justice, as a result of which it was decided to consider the matter in Chambers. Verily, the honourable profession is not all beer and skittles.

INTERPORT AMENITIES.

The *cavat* which the Interport Carnival was opened shows that the sporting instincts of the Colony have not waned by any means. There is no healthier form of stimulating the friendly relations obtaining among Far Eastern neighbours than to meet in friendly rivalry and the thinks of all sportsmen are due to the Committee of the Victoria Recreation Club for inaugurating the fete and Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company for providing special refreshments for our Northern visitors. The Shanghai contestants have thoroughly upheld Shanghai's fair name by an exhibition of clean sport, and the only regret is that the visitors have been somewhat handicapped by the special circumstances prevailing here, but after all, it is not so much a question of who carries the greater number of trophies as the spirit of bonhomie which sports are calculated to foster.

It is to be hoped that the innovation introduced by the V.R.C. will come to be an annual event and that Shanghai will fit some future date its way to reciprocate Hongkong's invitation.

TUESDAY'S THUNDERSTORM.

Tuesday night's thunderstorm was undoubt-

edly a regular blood-curdling affair.

The Andamans, with which it beat upon the Colony and the seven islands of the archipelago, have not been known in the Colony for some time.

Unfortunately, the storm claimed more than one death and it is somewhat remarkable that the rain was not attended with more serious consequences than was the case.

At any rate, nervous folk must have passed an uncomfortable tea-mania.

CASUAL CRITIC.

It is learnt from native sources that the Taotai

has asked the Viceroy to move the Wanwu pu to

the steps to protest against the regatta being held again near Quaqua.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

THE FREEDOM OF THE PORT.

"Never put off until to-morrow what you can do to-day," was evidently the motto upon which the Government acted when it took the step whereby the now famous Import Bill became law. Whether the Government acted in a manner satisfactory to all interests concerned is a moot point. But this much must be said in favour of the administration. It was an open secret that several importing firms were exerting their level best to get stocks from their ports in order to evade the new duty. Where would the Colony be had the Government adopted a Fabian policy?

It is evident that the colonial exchequer will suffer for the benefit of a few importing firms commanding long periods to be able to get all and more than they want from their agencies and branches at port not ten thousand miles away from Hongkong.

The unofficial members of Council made a bold stand against some of the clauses provided in the Bill. Their voices, however, were as the distant thunder to the silent ear of Government.

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MANILA	4. LOONG-SANG	FRIDAY, 1st Oct., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI via NINGPO	5. CHOY-SANG	FRIDAY, 1st Oct., 4 P.M.
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SHANGHAI	7. YATSHING	TUESDAY, 5th Oct., 3 P.M.
MANILA	8. YUN-SANG	FRIDAY, 8th Oct., 4 P.M.
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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.

STEAMERS.

SAILING DATES 1909

MARSEILLE, LONDON (HITACHI MARU, CAPT. N. Methison, Tons 7000) WEDNESDAY, 23rd Oct., at Daylight.

SINGAPORE, PENANG (CAPT. S. Ishikawa, Tons 8000) SUNDAY, 27th Oct., at Daylight.

COLOMBO AND PORT SAID (CAPT. S. ISHII) WEDNESDAY, 31st Oct., at Daylight.

KANAGAWA MARU (CAPT. J. Nagao, Tons 6500) TUESDAY, 28th Sept., at Noon.

VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE (S TANGO MARU, CAPT. S. Ishikawa, Tons 8000) TUESDAY, 28th Sept., at Noon.

VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOAKI AND YOKOHAMA (S AKI MARU, CAPT. K. Sato, Tons 7000) TUESDAY, 28th Sept., at Noon.

SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE (KUMANO MARU, CAPT. M. Wickler, Tons 6500) THURSDAY, 30th Sept., at Noon.

VIA MANILA, THURSDAY, 31st Oct., at Noon.

ISLAND, TOWNVILLE AND BRISBANE (YAWATA MARU, CAPT. T. Sekine, Tons 5000) FRIDAY, 1st Nov., at Noon.

NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA (YAWATA MARU, CAPT. T. Sekine, Tons 5000) WEDNESDAY, 19th Sept., at Noon.

YOKOHAMA (WAKASA MARU, CAPT. N. Nielsen, Tons 6500) FRIDAY, 1st Oct., at 5 P.M.

KOBE and YOKOHAMA (HIRANO MARU, CAPT. H. Fraser, Tons 6000) FRIDAY, 1st Oct., at Noon.

SHANGHAI, MOJI AND KOTOHIMA MARU, CAPT. R. Smith, Tons 4500 SATURDAY, 2nd October.

BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE (TAKASAKI MARU, CAPT. A. Mocker, Tons 5000) THURSDAY, 30th September.

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.
SELLING.

London—Bank T.T.	18
Do demand	8 15/16
Do 4 months' sight	7 9/16
France—Bank T.T.	21/8
America—Bank T.T.	42
Germany—Bank T.T.	17/7
India T.T.	13/4
Do demand	13/4
Shanghai—Bank T.T.	74
Singapore—Bank T.T. per H.K. \$100	74
Japan—Bank T.T.	84
Java—Bank T.T.	104
4 months' sight L/C.	19/
6 months' sight L/C.	19/
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York	43
4 months' sight do	44
30 days' sight Sydney & Melbourne	10/
4 months' sight France	23
6 months' sight	23
4 months' sight Germany	18/
Bar Silver	23 1/6
Bank of England rate	24 1/4
Sovereign	24 1/4

SHIPPING AND MAIIS.

MAILS DUE

French (Sydney) 27th inst.
India (Singapore) 28th inst.
English (Hinckley) 29th inst., 4 p.m.
American (China) 2nd nov.

The Bank Line s.s. *Aymere* arrived at Vancouver on 24th inst.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Coblenz* left Sydney on 23rd inst., at noon, and may be expected here on 15th p.r.x.

The N. Y. N. K. s.s. *Wakayama Maru*, European Line, left Singapore for this port on 24th inst., and is expected here on 30th inst.

The N. Y. N. K. s.s. *Yavata Maru*, Australian Line, left Manila for this port on 25th inst., and is expected here on 27th inst., a.m.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Himalaya* left Singapore for this port on 25th inst., at 7 a.m., with the outward English Mail, and is due here on 29th inst., 4 p.m.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Montezuma* arrived at Nagasaki at 3 p.m. on 24th inst., and left again at 10 p.m., same day, for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. on 26th inst.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

Samson, Ger. s.s. 993, R. Petersen, 24th Sept., Bangkok and Swatow 12th Sept., Rice and Teakwood.—B. & S.

Derflieger, Ger. s.s. 5,240, E. Zacharias, 25th Sept.,—Vocohama 19th Sept., and Shanghai 21st Sept., Mails and Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Hainan, Br. s.s. 6,500, J. E. Evans, 25th Sept.,—Swatow 24th Sept., Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Lian, Br. s.s. 4,356, C. C. Williams, 25th Sept.,—Canton 24th Sept., Gen.—B. & S.

Chit Sing, Br. s.s. 1,199, F. Moore, 25th Sept.,—Canton 24th Sept., Gen.—J. E. Baker, G. O.C.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Hainan, for Swatow.

Hatching for Amoy.

Felching for Shanghai.

Nippon Maru, for Shanghai.

Bukit Maru, for Moji.

Kaisong, for Cebu.

Dafel Maru, for Swatow.

Shibata Maru, for Java Ports.

Empress of India, for Shanghai.

Nippou, for Singapore.

Fongtong, for Swatow.

Derflieger, for Singapore.

Huan, for Hoikow.

Lian, for Shanghai.

Departures Sept. 25.

Nippon Maru, for San Francisco.

Bonai, for Shanghai.

Zefro, for Manila.

Haike, for Swatow.

Ahui, for Shanghai.

Amara, for Hon. av.

Amgo, for Haiphong.

Transvaal, for Saigon.

Phuay, for Hongkong.

Hatchou, for Weihaiwei.

Yatking, for Canton.

Derflieger, for Europe.

Empress of India, for Vancouver.

Hatching, for Coast Ports.

Felching, for Shanghai.

Bukit Maru, for Moji.

Shantung, for Samarang.

Passengers arrived.

Per Derflieger, for Hongkong from Yoko-hama—Mr. and Mrs. F. Liang, Mr. E. D. H. Liang, Mrs. H. Bremer, Capt. Bremer, Messrs. P. Klimann and G. White, Frenz, Kobe—Messer, E. N. Maghe, Low Fox Kon and H. H. G. Beekay, From Nagasaki—Messrs. W. H. Clarke, J. Ratn. W. Palson, Mrs. K. Matsumoto, Misses N. Yamagimoto, F. Kurokawa, and Mr. H. Hinada, From Shanghai—Mr. McCulloch, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie, children and servant, Messrs. J. C. Douglas, J. Hermans, Mrs. H. Broderup, Mr. and Mrs. Whitmarsh, Messrs. Fong Wo and servant, Kow Sue and servant, Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Connell, Mr. A. Rauchholz, Mrs. F. D. Leiser, Mr. and Mrs. Kees, Mr. and Mrs. Müller, Rev. J. A. Baker, Rev. R. Hutchinson, Mrs. V. J. Messrs. Salomon and Worley.

Shipping Report.

Mr. Hainan, from Swatow:—Fresh S.W. wind and cloudy.

VEHICLES IN PORT.

SHAMMERS.

Bessie Dollar, Br. s.s. 2,707, A. Gov, 21st Sept.—Taiping, 16th Sept., Sali.—A. K. & Co.

Carl Diederichsen, Ger. s.s. 774, J. Kaiser, 20th Sept., Pakhoi and Hoihow 19th Sept., Gen.—J. & Co.

Ohlill, Br. s.s. 1,131, J. Warrekk, 22nd Sept.,—Wakamatsu 14th Sept., Gen.—B. & Co.

Choling, Ger. s.s. 1,020, J. Bruun, 16th Sept.,—Bangkok 12th Sept., Rice and Meal—B. & S.

Dalji Maru, Jap. s.s. 864, H. Murayama, 24th Sept.,—Swatow 23rd Sept., Tea and Camphor—O. S. K.

Derwest, Br. s.s. 1,662, J. Jenkins, 16th Sept.,—Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama—Per Yawata Maru, 20th Sept., Rice and Meal—Co.

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